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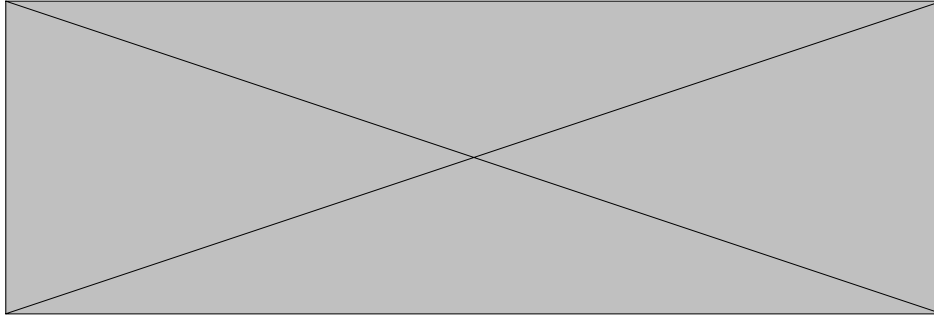
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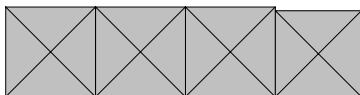
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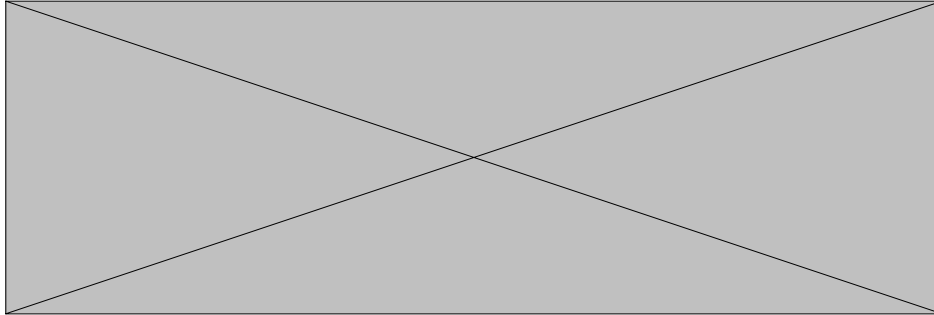
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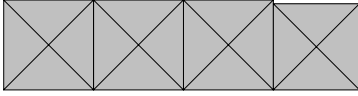
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An invitation is coming in for the Secretary to speak at the Annual Policy Orientation meeting of the TPPF on the date of February 7, 2018. "PO", as they call it, draws about 1,000 people including Texas Legislators, the Governor, the LT GOV, Attorney General, energy developers, and other conservative/libertarian types.

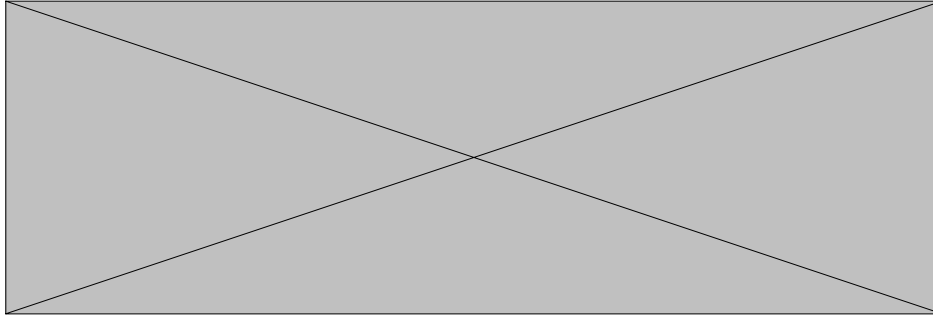
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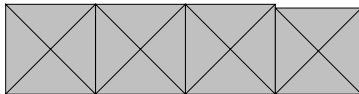
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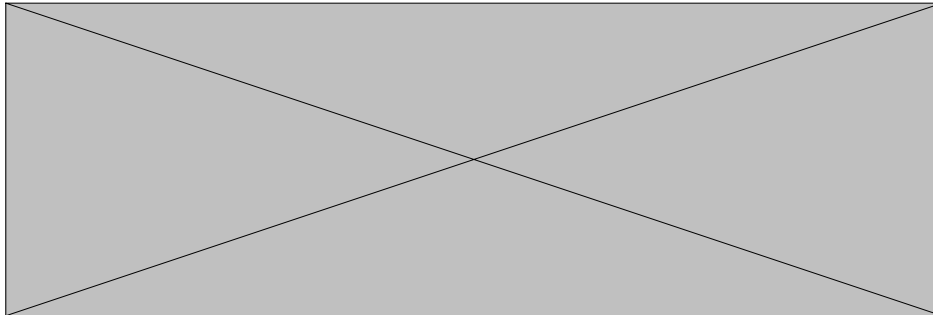
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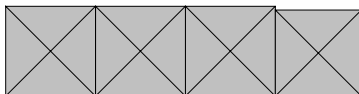
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Thanks. I also include this in my daily Cabinet Affairs report.

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DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Heather Swift & Laura Rigas

SUBJECT: Communications Update

Press Inquiries:

- Many inquiries regarding the National Monument review.

E&E News: REQUEST Any reaction to Rep. Grijalva's report yesterday calling the national monuments review an "obvious sham" and asserting Sec. Zinke is not meeting/listening to the public? He said: "Secretary Zinke has toured various sites under review and has claimed to be meeting with all relevant stakeholders and listening to local input. However, media and other reports from the Secretary's trips have been critical of the selective meetings he has chosen to take and the brevity of those meetings." **RESPONSE** The Congressman's assessment is a wild departure from reality and shouldn't be considered anything more than campaign literature paid for by extreme environmentalists whose real goal is to lock up public lands so people can't use and enjoy them. In addition to missing the mark on the point of the monument review to give local communities a say the Congressman's report also fails to take into account the more than 60 meetings the Secretary conducted on the ground with hundreds of local, state, Tribal, and nongovernmental stakeholders including environmental groups and Democratic members of Congress and State officials. (see a partial list for your background below). Additionally, the Congressman's claim that the review is driven by oil and gas exploration is laughable at best. The review, as was outlined in the Executive Order and the Secretary's repeated statements and interviews on the subject, is about restoring trust and giving rural communities a voice in land management decisions. Locals are concerned about losses in revenue, agriculture, hunting and fishing, private property rights, public access to land, traditional Tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting.

Fox News: REQUEST Lillian LeCroy with Fox News Channel. Can you please tell me if Sec. Zinke has any public events today? Also, the Department of Interior's IG released a letter indicating they have opened up an investigation into Sec. Zinke and reports that he threatened the two Alaskan senators over their healthcare votes. Does Sec. Zinke have any response to this? **RESPONSE** Lillian, that's an old letter that NYT just recently stumbled upon. Regarding the call, the Secretary and Senator Murkowski have a great relationship and friendship and the conversation they had was professional. Senator Murkowski has knocked down the characterization of the call, including to Fox News. I'd recommend contacting her office for her statement.

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Top Issues and Accomplishments

Tomorrow, Secretary Zinke will make his recommendation on the status of the 27 National Monuments under review. The rollout plan is still being finalized.

Tomorrow, Secretary Zinke will be in Montana with Secretary Perdue for an on site briefing on wildfires in the Pacific Northwest and the Northern Rockies.

August 25, the NPS turns 101 years old. Secretary Zinke will be at the Great Smokey Mountains National Park for a speech on the historic anniversary, and will also visit the Blue Ridge Parkway.

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Sent: 2017-07-12T08:43:50-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Would you all be willing to speak to a young female conservative Energy attorney..
Received: 2017-07-12T08:43:59-04:00

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From: Harriz, Jeanette (Kim)
Sent: 2017-11-09T18:39:24-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: NCR RSF Documents
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[MSA DR 4332 TX 102017 \(1\).pdf](#)
[DR-4086-RSS Superstorm Sandy-NJ.PDF](#)
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Per your request, the following documents are attached:

Example documents:

Mission Scoping Assessment for Hurricane Harvey-TX
Recovery Support Strategy for Superstorm Sandy - NJ

FEMA Draft Mission Assignment Statements of Work:

NCR RSF Scope for Puerto Rico
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Sent: 2017-06-28T22:49:03-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Touching base
Received: 2017-06-28T22:49:21-04:00

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Received: 2017-07-21T16:05:46-04:00
Domenech QFRs from the 7-20-17 SENR Cmte Noms Hrg - DD - MC.docx

added a couple lines if you can ok. they were pulled from other qfrs. thanks

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To: Bussanich, Tom[tom_bussanich@ios.doi.gov]
From: Domenech, Douglas
Sent: 2017-08-04T09:17:12-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: News about Doug Domenech
Received: 2017-08-04T09:17:39-04:00

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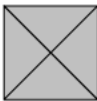
On Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 8:11 AM, Bussanich, Tom <tom_bussanich@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Date: Fri, Aug 4, 2017 at 7:01 AM
Subject: News about Doug Domenech
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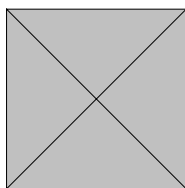
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From: Daniel Jorjani
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Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Personnel to Key Administration Posts
Received: 2017-10-13T07:01:13-04:00

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Date: October 12, 2017 at 9:30:23 PM AST
To: <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: **President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Personnel to Key Administration Posts**
Reply-To: <whitehouse-noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>

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Alex A. Beehler of Maryland to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Energy, Installations, and Environment. Mr. Beehler currently serves as President of Alex A. Beehler & Co., LLC, an independent environmental and energy consulting services company. He is also a member of the U.S. Department of Interior's Landscape Conservation Cooperative Network Council, and a visiting scholar of the Environment and Energy Management Institute at George Washington University. Previously, Mr. Beehler served as senior advisor at FaegreBD Consulting, and Executive Vice President of Plexus Logistics International. While with the Department of Defense, he served as Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment, and Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense and Principal Deputy to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health. He is a graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and the University of Virginia School of Law.

James E. McPherson of Virginia to be General Counsel, Department of the Army. Mr. McPherson most recently served as the executive director of the National Association of Attorneys General, one of the oldest legal associations in the country, where he leads the professional association of the state, territorial, and District of Columbia Attorneys General. Mr. McPherson previously served as the General Counsel of the Department of Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity. A retired Rear Admiral, Mr. McPherson's final assignment was as the 39th Judge Advocate General of the Navy. He first gained military experience as an enlisted member of the United States Army, later being commissioned as an Ensign in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Mr. McPherson is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He received his master of laws degree from the Judge Advocate General's School of the Army, his juris doctor from the University of San Diego, School of Law, and his bachelors in public administration from San Diego State University.

Preston Rutledge of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration. Mr. Rutledge currently serves as senior tax and benefits counsel on the Majority Tax Staff of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee where his responsibilities include employee benefits, retirement issues, tax-exempt organizations, health tax issues, and the tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining the Finance Committee, Mr. Rutledge served as a senior tax law specialist on the Headquarters Staff of the Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division of the Internal Revenue Service, and as a senior technical reviewer in the Qualified Pension Plans Branch of the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. During his tenure there, he was the recipient of an Office of Chief Counsel National Award. Mr. Rutledge also served as a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit,

and worked in private law practice as an employee benefits counselor and ERISA litigator. Mr. Rutledge earned a B.S. in business, cum laude, from the University of Idaho; J.D., with high honors, from the George Washington University School of Law, and an L.L.M. – taxation, with distinction, including a certificate in employee benefits law, from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Kathleen Hartnett White of Texas to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality and upon confirmation designate Chair. Mrs. Kathleen Hartnett White currently serves as Distinguished Senior Fellow for energy & the environment at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF). From 2001 to 2007, she was Chairwoman and Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - the second largest environmental regulatory agency in the world. Mrs. White also served as a Director of the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Texas Water Development Board, the Environmental Flows Advisory Group, the Texas Strategic Economic Development Planning Commission and the Texas Emissions Reduction Advisory Board. A leader and scholar in both environmental and energy matters, Mrs. White is a past recipient of the Texas Water Conservation Association's President's Award and the Colorado River Foundation's friend of the river award. A native of Kansas, Mrs. White earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University, and currently resides with her husband, Beau, in rural Bastrop County, Texas.

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From: Domenech, Douglas
Sent: 2017-07-06T11:35:44-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: I see the changes proposed. Can I get that emailed to me so I can respond?
Received: 2017-07-06T11:36:12-04:00
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Subject: RE: How was the crowd at the TPPF event
Received: 2017-11-30T11:45:15-05:00

Oh nevermind, just got your other email!

From: Domenech, Douglas [mailto:douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov]
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Doug.Domenech.SENR Questionnaire.Final.docx

Excellent. Thank you so much for the quick turn-around.
I made a couple of formatting edits so we're consistent with our other nominee's questionnaires, but I did not make any substantive edits.

As for the date of nomination, your initial response of June 29th was indeed accurate. I was unaware at the time that the WH had forwarded your nomination to the Hill, so there's no need to add the intent to nominate date.

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Josh can you send the electronic version to Doug? Doug I'm on my way to field hearing, please coordinate with Amanda and josh to wrap this up. Would like to get this signed and notarized by cob today if possible so we can send full packet to committee tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 7:25 AM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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To: 'Domenech, Douglas'[douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov]
From: Domenech, Emily
Sent: 2017-11-30T11:44:03-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: How was the crowd at the TPPF event
Received: 2017-11-30T11:44:11-05:00

Pretty good! Are you still on the hill? Do I need to get that parking pass?

From: Domenech, Douglas [mailto:douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Domenech, Emily <Emily.Domenech@mail.house.gov>
Subject: How was the crowd at the TPPF event

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To: Rigas, Laura[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Dixon, Shandria[shandria_dixon@ios.doi.gov]
From: Matulka, Rebecca
Sent: 2017-07-10T16:11:38-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: For Review: Interior's Social Media Policy
Received: 2017-07-10T16:11:46-04:00

Laura,
Thanks for meeting today. I've made the initial changes we talked about in the Google Doc.

Shandria,

Can you please print these two documents for Laura to review in detail?

- Social media policy: <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1vm0lw7cKNvdd0zJl3KOo3yzqCoeNcbHcLNQLbh1o0U/edit?usp=sharing>
- User agreement for government social media: https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1SqBMoWtGrzI3avHAWWBmly4qQcmBDE_ONIB8o1U6Tg/edit?usp=sharing

Thanks!

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:21 PM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Monday would be great. thanks!

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:20 PM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm out tomorrow, but I could do later this afternoon or Monday.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:18 PM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Can Shandria help us set aside some time on Friday for a quick meeting on this?

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 10:38 AM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Laura,

Interior's updated social media policy is finally ready for your review and then sending it to Rob in ExecSec for the surnaming process to make it official.

OCIO's privacy, 508 compliance, security, records have all reviews, edited and signed off on this version -- along with someone in the Solicitor's Office, Ethics and all the social media/digital leads for the bureaus.

As a brief over, some of the major changes to this policy include:

- Establishing this as the singular policy on social media for the entire Department.
- Creating a standard approval process for news social media accounts that all Bureaus will use
- Requiring people with access to government social media accounts take a training class and sign a user agreement
- Requiring all social media accounts have a primary contact who is responsible for managing the accounts and is the person in charge if something goes wrong
- Updating guidance on personal use of social media
- Adding a section on Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Here is link to the Google Doc for social media policy (and I've pasted it below for ease): <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1vm0lw7cKNvdd0zJl3KOo3yzqCoeN-cbHcLNQLbh1o0U/edit?usp=sharing>

Here is the link for the user agreement people will sign (I've also pasted it below). As an FYI, Ethics, Solicitor's and OCIO have all reviewed and signed off on this language: <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1SqBMoWtGrzI3avHAWWBmLY4qQcmBDEONIB8o1U6Tg/edit?usp=sharing>

Digital Media Policy

Note: The original document is available in PDF form.

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SECTION 1: Social Media Policy

The following policy regarding the official and non-official/personal use of social media sites and tools is effective **XXXX**. This policy describes the official use by Department of the Interior or a DOI bureau of a third-party social media account or service as an official means of communication or public engagement.

This policy supersedes existing policies and serves as the singular policy on social media for all bureaus and offices within the Department. Bureaus and offices may create additional guidance, tailored to specific needs. The guidance should align with this policy and the digital media guide.

This policy does not govern the use of third-party social media sites in one's official capacity for research or informational purposes.

Social media platforms are a powerful and effective means to communicate quickly and broadly, share information, and interact with the public. DOI leverages these third-party services to reach a wider audience of the general public.

Official use of social media to communicate and engage with the public must be in accordance with all the applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies including Section 508 (Accessibility); Records Management, Retention, and Archiving; Information Quality; and Intellectual Property. (See Section 2.)

Under the auspices of Departmental Manual Part 110, 5.3.A, the DOI Digital Media Guide provides additional information and best practices about the use of social media at DOI.

Official Use of Social Media at DOI

DOI encourages its bureaus and offices to use social media to communicate their missions and engage with the public when there is a legitimate business case to do so and they have the resources (i.e., time and staffing) to maintain accounts. The DOI Digital Media Guide provides guidance on specific types of social media tools and services available for use.

DOI bureaus or offices may use only those social media services that have been approved by DOI for use. DOI will approve a social media service only after reviewing and accepting the terms of service agreement and documenting restrictions. DOI policy requires a Privacy Impact Assessment be conducted for all social media tools.

Before beginning any social media project, employees must first be granted approval to use social media, or other third-party services, to directly support or enhance activities being undertaken in an official capacity.

This includes receiving approval to create social media accounts for locations, programs, offices, and employees that are to be used for official work. Social media accounts created as professional personas (for example an account dedicated to Ranger Dan) for work and maintained using government resources (staff time, devices, etc.) are property of the federal government, are official records, and are subject to Freedom of Information Act.

All bureaus and offices will use the same approval process for social media accounts as detailed in the [Digital Media Guide \(doi.gov/dmguide\)](https://doi.gov/dmguide).

Any social media account that has not been approved via approval process detailed in the [Digital Media Guide](https://doi.gov/dmguide) may be terminated.

Each bureau and office will maintain a list (including account name, URL and anything else a bureau deems necessary) of all official social media accounts on its public website and within the [U.S. Digital Registry](https://www.doi.gov/digital-registry); this catalog will be periodically reported to the DOI Office of Communications and Office of the Chief Information Officer. [Here's the list of contacts for each Bureau and office.](#)

The need for this approval is threefold:

1. To ensure cross-departmental alignment of social media efforts and to reduce duplication in accounts.
2. To ensure that information is, when appropriate, delivered to citizens and the general public in the context of unified themes or messages.
3. To ensure social media accounts are covered under special Terms of Service agreement (TOS), Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), and possibly a System of Records Notice (SORN) approved by the Department of the Interior.

All official social media accounts (both new and already existing) must have a primary contact who is responsible for managing account security, overseeing employee access and training, and distributing guidance. The contact for accounts

must be a full-time, permanent employee. Official accounts must have a backup contact who fills in when the primary contact is unavailable or on leave.

Before getting access to an official social media account, all employees (including part-time, seasonal, volunteers, and partners) must take the mandatory social media training and sign Interior's social media user agreement.

If there are third-party services that a bureau has identified that it would like to use to help achieve the Department's mission, the bureau office of communications or public affairs officer must contact the DOI Office of Communications for review of the TOS and confirm PIA and SORN compliance.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using public-facing social media services in an official capacity within DOI:

- Do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is considered nonpublic information. The discussion of internal, sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.
- Do not use third-party social media sites as the sole venue for conducting official government business or disseminating information related to official DOI functions. Press releases, grant opportunities, rulemaking notices, and other official announcements must also be provided in another publicly available format such as a DOI or bureau website.
- When you are representing DOI or a bureau in an official capacity, what you say reflects on the Department, and DOI or the bureau is responsible for the content you publish. Any content that you post to a social media site while acting in your official capacity is public content, regardless of any privacy controls that restrict access to that content. You should assume this content will be available to a large audience, may be published and discussed in the media and is subject to FOIA and other rules requiring public disclosure.
- Remain focused on your mission. If using social media tools to communicate with the public isn't one of your primary duties, don't let it interfere with those duties.
- When using social media in an official capacity (when either managing an official organizational account or an official individual account), know and follow DOI and Executive Branch conduct [guidelines](#), such as the Appropriate Use of the Internet, Rules of Behavior for Computer Network Users, Limited Personal Use of Office Government Equipment, and Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.
 - Do not engage in vulgar or abusive language, personal attacks of any kind, or offensive terms targeting individuals or groups.
 - Do not endorse commercial products, services, or entities.
 - Do not solicit donations of any kind.

- Do not endorse political parties, candidates, or groups.
- Do not advocate for a policy or Congressional bill.

Non-Official/Personal Use of Social Media

Social media can sometimes blur the line between professional and personal lives and interactions. Statements intended as personal opinion can be mistaken for official expressions of agency policy or position. DOI employees, or those working on behalf of DOI, who use social media for strictly personal use outside of the workplace do not require approval to do so. However, many laws, regulations, and policies that apply to an employee's official activities apply as well to employee activities in their personal lives.

Employees are free to use their personal social media accounts. They may also include their official position, along with other personal details, in areas of their accounts that are designated for biographical information. However, in using these personal accounts, they may not use their official title, position, or authority for the purposes of private gain for themselves, another person, or organization. In addition, they may not give the appearance that the Government sanctions or endorses their personal activities or opinions. They should not use a photo of themselves in official uniform as their profile picture or use their official title in posts or comments.

The following factors are key to determining whether an employee misuses social media and creates the appearance of Government endorsement or sanction:

- Whether the employee states that he or she is acting on behalf of the government;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her connection to the government as support for the employee's statements;
- Whether the employee prominently features his or her agency's name, seal, uniform or similar items on the employee's social media account or in connection with specific social media activities;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her government employment, title, or position in areas other than those designated for biographical information;
- Whether the employee holds a highly visible position in the Government, such as a senior or political position, or is authorized to speak for the Government as part of the employee's official duties; or
- Whether other circumstances would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the government sanctions or endorses the employees' social media activities.

Employees in their personal use of social media (whether on a public platform or a private group) are prohibited from distributing any government information that they are prohibited from distributing in their official use of social media. This includes information protected by the Privacy Act or Trade Secrets Act, pre-

decisional information, or other sensitive information to which employees may have access as part of their work with the government.

Employees in their personal use of social media must abide by the Hatch Act, which prohibits engaging in political activity while on duty or in the workplace or in an official capacity at any time; and soliciting or receiving political contributions at any time.

Exercise discretion and common sense on personal social media accounts to ensure that you do not inadvertently compromise our professional, legal, or ethical standards. Consider your social media activity as a whole and how it reflects on you personally and professionally.

Similarly, standards of ethical conduct and other ethics policies can apply equally to employee activity outside of work as well as inside, especially in instances where the employee is, or can be, identified as a federal employee. (See Section 2.)

Any activity using Government equipment (including access to the Internet) is governed by Department of the Interior's guidelines on the [Personal Use of Government Office Equipment](#). This includes the use, during non-work hours, of government-furnished equipment that an employee may regularly have in his or her personal possession, such as a work-provided smartphone, as well as the use of equipment at work during office hours.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using social media services in a non-official/personal capacity within DOI:

- **Be aware of how your DOI association on social media might be portrayed.** If you identify yourself as a DOI employee, or have a public-facing position for which your DOI association is known to the general public, ensure your personal profile and related content is consistent with how you wish to present yourself as a DOI professional, appropriate with the public trust associated with your position, and conform to existing standards, such as [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#). Employees should have no expectation of privacy when using social media tools.
- **When in doubt, stop.** If you're unsure about posting something on social media, check with your ethics counselor.
- **Only discuss publicly available information.** In a publicly accessible forum, do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is not already considered public information. The discussion of sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. This rule applies even in circumstances where password or other privacy controls are implemented. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.

SECTION 2: Federal Policies Applicable to the Use of Social Media

DOI and its bureaus are required to comply with all relevant federal laws, regulations, and policies, including, but not limited to, Section 508, Records Management/Retention/Archiving, Privacy Act, and the Freedom of Information Act

Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Annual appropriations acts typically contain provisions that generally prohibit the use of funds for publicity or propaganda purposes or in a way that tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislation pending before Congress. Exceptions to the general prohibitions include official presentations of the Department's stance on pending legislation when briefing Congress or in Congressional hearings and certain actions undertaken by Senate confirmed Presidential appointees. The use of government resources, including social media accounts and employee time, to post social media messages that constitutes publicity, propaganda, or lobbying activities violate these provisions. Agencies directly appealing for members of the public to contact Congress is also clearly prohibited.

Critically, the General Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that social media campaigns that promote agency messaging but conceal or otherwise mislead the public as to the agency's role in creating the campaign is prohibited activity. GAO has also found agency hyperlinks to external websites that contain calls to contact members of Congress in support or opposition of pending legislation is likewise prohibited. Questions about the applicability of these appropriations provisions should be directed to the Office of the Solicitor.

Section 508 (Accessibility)

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (as amended), requires that electronic and information technologies purchased, maintained, or used by the Federal Government meet certain accessibility standards. These standards are designed to make online information and services fully available to the 54 million Americans who have disabilities that would otherwise prevent them from having access to that content. Agencies are already required by Federal Acquisition Regulations to modify acquisition planning procedures to ensure that the section 508 standards are properly considered and to include the standards in requirements documents. OMB reminds agencies to disseminate information to the public on a timely and equitable basis, specifically mentioning meeting the Section 508 requirements in OMB Memorandum M-06-02. Agencies employing non-Federal social media services are required to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to those services as defined in the Accessibility Standards. Third-party services have a varying degree of accessibility support, therefore it's incumbent upon DOI bureaus to make their content as accessible as possible on those services. However, equivalent access to the same information should be made available on a DOI or bureau website.

All content displayed on DOI and bureau websites must adhere to section 508 standards regardless of whether or not the content is created and hosted by DOI or bureaus. Content created and hosted by a third party and displayed on DOI or bureau websites via a widget is subject to 508 compliance standards.

In January 2017, the federal government revised existing section 508 standards with the more comprehensive requirements of the Web Content Accessibility

Group (WCAG) 2.0, level AA standards. DOI requires that Interior websites conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA standards.

Resources: [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#), [About the Section 508 Standards](#), and [current and future OMB memos](#).

Records Management, Retention, and Archiving

When using electronic media, whether it is a blog, a website, social media, or any other type of electronic communication, the laws and regulations that govern proper management and archival of records still apply. The [National Archives and Records Administration](#) offers resources and guidance to agencies to ensure proper records management.

DOI and bureaus will need to work with the Records Management Officers to determine the best way to capture and retain social media records, and the proper records maintenance schedules and dispositions for content posted on third-party websites. See the Digital Media Guide for additional information regarding social media records.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources,"](#) (see section 8a4); [Implications of Recent Web Technologies for NARA Web Guidance](#)

Information Quality

The public places a high degree of trust in government content and considers it an authoritative source. Under the Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services, agencies are required to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information and services provided to the public. With regard to social media information-dissemination products, agencies must reasonably ensure suitable information and service quality consistent with the level of importance of the information. Reasonable steps include: (1) clearly identifying the benefits and limitations inherent in the information dissemination product (e.g., possibility of errors, degree of reliability, and validity), and (2) taking reasonable steps to remove the limitations inherent in the product or information produced. Agency management must ensure that the agency position is reflected in all communications rather than one person's opinion.

DOI and bureaus should include a disclaimer when posting content on third-party websites that explains that DOI is only responsible for quality of the information posted by the official DOI account and not for the quality of the information posted by other users.

Resource: [M-17-06: Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services Section 11](#)

Availability to Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Executive Order 13166 requires that agencies provide appropriate access to persons with limited English proficiency. The scope of this requirement

encompasses all "Federally conducted programs and activities," including using social media technologies to communicate and collaborate with citizens. Under this Executive Order, agencies must determine how much information they need to provide in other languages based on an assessment of customer needs. The requirements for social media implementations are no different than those for other electronic formats.

DOI and the bureaus are responsible for satisfying all policy requirements related to content that they provide to a third-party site; however, they cannot control and are thus not responsible for other content on that site, including section headings, log-in screens, or other components of the site.

Resources: [Commonly Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Executive Order 13166](#); [Executive Order 13166](#)

Availability of Information to Persons Without Internet Access

Agencies are required to provide members of the public who do not have internet connectivity with timely and equitable access to information, for example, by providing hard copies of reports and forms upon request.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130](#) (See 5(e)(2)(f))

Usability of Data

Many social media technologies allow users to take data from one website and combine it with data from another, commonly referred to as "mashups." Agency public websites are required, to the extent practicable and necessary to achieve intended purposes, to provide all data in an open, industry standard format that permits users to aggregate, disaggregate, or otherwise manipulate and analyze the data to meet their needs. Agencies need to ensure that these open industry standard formats are followed to maximize the utility of their data.

Resource: [OMB Memo M-05-04](#)

Intellectual Property

DOI and the bureaus must comply with Copyright Law of the United States of America and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code and other Federal policies and directives when posting images, text, video, audio files in blogs or on third party social media websites.

Generally, U.S. Government works are not protected by intellectual property law. However, the absence of intellectual property protections does not mean that all Government works are considered Public Domain and public dissemination may be restricted by other authorities. In addition, where an employee generates a joint work with outside entities pursuant to a contract or other agreement, the outside entity may have intellectual property rights to the final product as governed by the agreement. Employees should be careful about the nature of the work before posting to social media.

Resources: [Cendi](#), [Copyright.gov](#), [U.S. Trademark Law](#)

Privacy

Federal public websites and digital services are required to comply with all relevant Federal laws and policies, including the Privacy Act of 1974, E-Government Act of 2002, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy. Agencies must provide privacy policies on websites, mobile applications and digital services, implement privacy controls to protect individual privacy, and post a privacy notice or "Privacy Act Statement" when personally identifiable information is collected that describes the legal authority for the collection, the purpose, and how the data will be used and shared. Privacy policies must be written in plain language and in a standardized machine readable format, and address the nature, purpose, use and sharing of information collected from individuals through websites or digital services.

Individuals may provide PII to DOI when communicating, posting, blogging, linking, submitting, or other comparable functions. Employees must take care to limit any collection of PII to that which is authorized and necessary for the performance of official duties in support of the DOI mission. Privacy notice should be provided at the point of collection or prominently displayed on pages where PII may be made available so individuals have an opportunity to read the notice and make informed choices about what information they wish to provide or how they want to interact with the agency. The provision of information should be voluntary in accordance with Federal law and DOI privacy policy, and alternatives should be provided where possible for individuals seeking information or assistance who do not want to provide PII.

The Department of the Interior requires a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) be conducted for all systems, applications, mobile applications, information collections from the public, and official uses of social media applications to identify, evaluate and analyze potential privacy risks associated with their use. PIAs are a useful tool that allows the Department to identify, analyze, and mitigate privacy risks associated with the use of information technology. See the [DOI PIA Guide](#) for detailed guidance on conducting PIAs.

The collection of IP addresses, browser information, cookies, and similar data for server log files and website analytics used internally for site management purposes or summary statistics must be in accordance with OMB M-10-22 and DOI policy. The use of these technologies may improve navigation and customer experience, however, bureaus and offices must take appropriate steps to assess the privacy implications for that use, implement controls or procedures to protect privacy, provide clear notice of the bureau/office practices, and obtain approval as appropriate consistent with Departmental policy.

It is DOI's responsibility to protect personally identifiable information on internal websites and through its actions on third party social media sites. For instance, DOI may not disclose PII or any other information on a third party social media site that it is prohibited from disclosing on its own website. The Privacy Act of 1974 (as

amended) applies to Federal government activities conducted on social media platforms, and individuals should consult [DOI privacy officials](#) for guidance on privacy protection requirements.

Employees are required to immediately report any potential compromise of PII, in any medium or format, to their supervisor and helpdesk, or to DOICIRC@ios.doi.gov. Timely reporting and response allows the agency to take immediate steps to mitigate any harm resulting from the compromise.

Resource: [Privacy Act of 1974](#), [E-Government Act of 2002](#), [OMB Memorandum M-10-22, Guidance for Online Use of Web Measurement and Customization Technologies](#), [OMB Memorandum M-17-06, Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services](#), [DOI Privacy Program Information Collection & Paperwork Reduction Act](#)

Agencies are required, when possible, to use electronic forms and filing to conduct official business with the public, and social computing technologies can be used in many cases to meet this need. Federal public websites must ensure that information collected from the public minimizes burden and maximizes public utility. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) covers the collection of data from the public. The PRA requires OMB approval of all surveys given to ten (10) or more participants. This includes any sort of survey in which identical questions are given to ten (10) or more participants, regardless of the format. The exception to the survey rule is an anonymous submission form where users can provide open-ended comments or suggestions without any sort of Government guidance on the content. Questions about the applicability of the PRA should be directed to the DOI or bureau privacy officers or the Office of the Solicitor. See Privacy, above.

Resources: [Paperwork Reduction Act](#), [DOI Office of the Solicitor](#); [OMB Memorandum, "Social Media, Web-Based Interactive Technologies, and the Paperwork Reduction Act"](#)
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Government-sourced content posted via third-party social media sites or on public Government Web servers becomes part of the public domain upon posting. With limited exceptions, such content is therefore not exempt from FOIA requests.

Resource: FOIA
Security

Social media services and applications communicating official DOI information require a detailed assessment and subsequent authorization by the Office of the Chief Information Officer prior to use. The data to be hosted by the social media service must be assessed and categorized to determine the impact to DOI in the event of a compromise of Confidentiality, Integrity and/or Availability. Appropriate security controls, as defined in the DOI IT Security Control Standards, must be implemented based on the categorization of the data.

Ethics

When writing for, posting or participating on social media, you are either acting in your *Official* capacity as a DOI employee (and may reference your official title or position) OR you are acting in your *Personal* capacity (and may only include your title or position as one of several biographical details when such information is given to identify you, provided that it is not given more prominence than other significant biographical details).

Typically, an activity is undertaken in Official Capacity when it is consistent with statutory authority and Agency or office mission and assigned duties. When working in your official capacity, you can use DOI time and resources, including DOI email address, DOI phone number, DOI equipment and property and, if applicable, subordinates. Official social media accounts must be approved through approval process.

Due to the nature of social media, there may be times when your personal social media use could be interpreted as official use. It's important at those times that you understand how you use your personal social media when sharing/discussing public information related to your organization. In particular there are specific rules around the use of personal social media with regards to political activity.

To participate in your personal capacity, do not use your DOI email address or contact information. As stated above, you may include your DOI position or title as one of several biographical details with DOI not having any undue prominence. You should be clear you are expressing an individual personal opinion, not speaking on behalf of the Agency. While the agency does have a limited personal use policy that allows some personal use of DOI equipment such as computers, if expressing a personal opinion publicly on a subject, it is safest to avoid the use of DOI equipment and while in a federal building.

All Government-wide and Department of the Interior's standards and codes of ethical behavior for employees apply to employees' use of social networking and social media tools for both official and personal use including:

- [Hatch Act: FAQs on Federal Employees and the Use of Social Media and Email](#)
- [Standards of Conduct as Applied to Personal Social Media Use](#)
- [Limited Use of Government Equipment for Personal Purposes](#)
- [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#)
- [Non-Official Expression](#)

Disclaimer

DOI and bureaus are responsible for satisfying all policy requirements related to content that they provide to a third-party site; however, because they cannot control and are thus not responsible for other content on that site, they should

determine whether or not DOI's presence on the site reflects favorably upon the Department and does not diminish its reputation or integrity.

DOI and bureaus should note that they are not responsible for, nor can they control other content on the site on the part of the site which the bureau does control, as well as on its website.

Office of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior

By: XXXX, [Date]

Agreement for Official Use of Social Media

Before you can be given access to post to an official Interior social media account, you must agree to the following:

Since you are representing the U.S. government on our social channels it is important that you follow all ethics rules and the Hatch Act. By signing this agreement you confirm you uphold the Executive Branch Standards of Conduct Rules; you will stay free of conflicts of interest and follow the Hatch Act when engaging in partisan political activity. Moreover, if you have any questions before you act, you agree to contact your ethics official for advice.

Follow Security Protocol

To meet Department password security requirements, please create strong passwords for your account, using a passphrase, and a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numbers and symbols. Some social media services display password "strength" meters when choosing new passwords. Choose passwords that meet the highest standard. When applicable, do not share passwords. Read and follow DOI security information.

Comply with Account Maintenance

You must help ensure members given access to our social media accounts are up-to-date and removed when they no longer need access. By carefully managing third-party applications and removing posting access, or logging out from the account whenever you change the password, Interior can keep our accounts more secure.

I agree to these terms for access to an official social media account.

(Employee signature and date)

(Supervisor signature and date)

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Thank you

On Wed, Jul 5, 2017 at 2:02 PM, Johnson, Virginia <virginia_johnson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Downey:

Apologies for the delay in forwarding this to you. Some minor tweaks to what I sent to you on Sunday below. Please let me know if you need anything else from us at this time.
2-3 months (by Labor Day)-

Priority - Sportsman's Access - This will require an internal focus at the Department to identify what efforts can be driven in FWS and NPS that will increase funding priorities with partners to ensure that this objective is met. This will require tracking metrics to ensure we are achieving meaningful improvement. Continue the directive in S.O. 3347 by reconstituting the Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Conservation Council (as the FACA review ends) and amend the charter to reflect the goals of the Administration. We would like to form a Sportsmen's Access Collaborative Task Force to evaluate current efforts and focus, to investigate funding strategies and recommend future course of action. The task force will identify specific field level (park, refuge, management area) obstacles to access and recommend administrative actions required to open the areas.)

WH Involvement - Identify constituents who have expressed interest in the topic and direct them to DOI/FWP to sit on this task force.

Priority - FWS/NPS law enforcement public interface - Implement Secretary Zinke's priority of ensuring that FWS and NPS officers are approachable and not placing excessive burdens on the public. With a vacant FWS law enforcement chief position we must evaluate both law enforcement arms within the FWS and look at policy, uniforms and gear, organizational structure, training, and case structure. This evaluation could involve both internal staff and a team of outside law enforcement professionals that could include members from organizations such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs' Association, and government organizations such as the FBI, DHS, etc.

WH Involvement - Assist in requesting team members from other federal law enforcement agencies

Priority - Evaluate policy guidance created in the past 8 years - Search out policy guidance from previous administrations such as evolving positions on climate change

projections, view sheds, regional haze surveys, etc., and how they affect formal agency comments and decision-making processes. This will be completed with assistance of internal and external policy makers, external science advisers and others to best understand how these policies align or create conflict with presidential orders and direction.

WH Involvement - Provide policy feedback to DOI as these are submitted forward for consistency reviews.

Priority - Employee conduct and morale - Evaluate policy guidance, case reporting levels and other metrics to determine what degree of problems may exist in FWS and NPS with regard to sexual harassment, employee misconduct and other matters. These findings may help drive new policy or better emphasize and enforce existing protocols.

WH Involvement - Provide support as we reveal results that may demonstrate a need for improvements.

6 Month goals (end of CY 2017) -

Priority - Infrastructure repair and replacement/address deferred maintenance backlog - Complete assessments of infrastructure and determine how those may be integrated into DOI infrastructure requests that NPS, FWS and others have underway. These findings may also demonstrate a need to reevaluate facilities for closure or possibly leasing to states (possibly hatcheries), promoting public private partnerships, etc. to achieve the positive expected operational needs.

WH Involvement - Assist in allowing these shovel-ready NPS and FWS projects to be a part of larger infrastructure funding recommendations for the FY 2019 budget. DOI may require WH support to obtain congressional approval or proposed fee increases at (particularly at NPS units and for targeted groups such as international visitors). These fee increases will assist not only in addressing the deferred maintenance backlog but will promote the policy goal of the President and Secretary of acquiring a balanced budget.

Priority - Evaluate organization structure to align with possible DOI regional teams - As Secretary Zinke continues to evaluate the efficacy of creating regional centers, continue to assist with agency realignment scenarios that would best align with that programmatic direction.

WH Involvement - Provide reinforcement with Congress to help reassure that these changes may not be detrimental to workforce efficiency.

Priority - Endangered Species Act revisions and administration- Numerous external stakeholders continue to focus on requested congressional changes to the ESA. Western Governors Association is gaining significant national attention. While the FWS may not be involved in the crafting of any of the proposed legislation, FWP/FWS leadership should be permitted to report on anticipated outcomes based on that potential legislation. Working with other relevant agencies and CEQ develop and enact regulatory corrections that will facilitate voluntary recovery actions, protect

private property rights, promote data integrity and establish efficiencies to support an infrastructure package.

WH Involvement - Support the new DOI leadership that understands the issues and desires for appropriate and realistic ESA reform. Direct CEQ and OMB to initiate reforms and cross-agency cooperation.

Thanks,
Virginia

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Subject: Re: For Review: Interior's Social Media Policy
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Laura,
Following up on this, below is information you can send to Exec Sec about updating the Department's social media policy.

To: Exec Sec
From: Laura Rigas, Director of Communications
Date: XXXX
Subject: Updating Interior's social media policy and the surnaming process

Hi Rob,

We're looking to update the Department's social media policy. Would you or someone else in Exec Sec be able to help with finalizing this updated policy and shepherding it through the surnaming process?

As background, Interior's social media policy was created in 2010 and hasn't been updated. The policy needed to be revised to include new guidance as the Department has expanded its social media use (when this policy was created, we were only able to use Twitter and Facebook), revising the federal policies associated with social media and refreshing the language to make sure it is current with today's terminology.

Here is a link to the updated social media policy, which has already been reviewed by OCIO's privacy, 508 compliance, security and records experts -- along with someone in the Solicitor's Office, Ethics and all the social media/digital leads for the bureaus and offices: <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1vm0lw7cKNvdd0zJl3KOo3yzqCoeN-cbHcLNQLbh1o0U/edit?usp=sharing>

Please let me know what the next steps are for finalizing this policy.

Thanks,
Laura

Also, here is the link to the Digital Media Guide, which has major updates to reflect the new policy: https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1EVD7ZUUMswcNj_t4PiJfjhcs9Q3pBfdad7GhdYaztIY/edit?usp=sharing.

As a reminder, the Digital Media Guide does not need to be reviewed by Exec Sec but is the best-practice guidance from our office on how the Department's bureaus and offices can use social media. Normally we regularly update it but I've been waiting to roll out changes with

the social media policy. Like the policy, this version of the Digital Media Guide was reviewed by OCIO's privacy, 508 compliance, security and records experts -- along with someone in the Solicitor's Office, Ethics and all the social media/digital leads for the bureaus. So it has support from the ground up!

Thanks, Laura, and let me know if you have any questions!

Rebecca

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 4:11 PM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Laura,

Thanks for meeting today. I've made the initial changes we talked about in the Google Doc.

Shandria,

Can you please print these two documents for Laura to review in detail?

- Social media
policy: <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1vm0lw7cKNvdd0zJl3KOo3yzqCoeNcbHcLNQLbh1o0U/edit?usp=sharing>
- User agreement for government social
media: https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1_SqBMoWtGrzI3avHAWBmly4qQcmBDE_ONIB8o1U6Tg/edit?usp=sharing

Thanks!

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:21 PM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Monday would be great. thanks!

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:20 PM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm out tomorrow, but I could do later this afternoon or Monday.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:18 PM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Can Shandria help us set aside some time on Friday for a quick meeting on this?

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 10:38 AM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Laura,
Interior's updated social media policy is finally ready for your review and then sending it to Rob in ExecSec for the surnaming process to make it official.

OCIO's privacy, 508 compliance, security, records have all reviews, edited and signed off on this version -- along with someone in the Solicitor's Office, Ethics and all the social media/digital leads for the bureaus.

As a brief over, some of the major changes to this policy include:

- Establishing this as the singular policy on social media for the entire Department.
- Creating a standard approval process for news social media accounts that all Bureaus will use
- Requiring people with access to government social media accounts take a training class and sign a user agreement
- Requiring all social media accounts have a primary contact who is responsible for managing the accounts and is the person in charge if something goes wrong
- Updating guidance on personal use of social media
- Adding a section on Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Here is link to the Google Doc for social media policy (and I've pasted it below for ease): <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1vm0lw7cKNvdd0zJl3KOo3yzqCoeN-cbHcLNQLbh1o0U/edit?usp=sharing>

Here is the link for the user agreement people will sign (I've also pasted it below). As an FYI, Ethics, Solicitor's and OCIO have all reviewed and signed off on this language:
https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1_SqBMoWtGrzI3avHAWWBmIY4qQcmBDE_ONlB8o1U6Tg/edit?usp=sharing

Digital Media Policy

Note: The original document is available in PDF form.

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SECTION 1: Social Media Policy

The following policy regarding the official and non-official/**personal** use of social media sites and tools is effective ~~XXXX~~. This policy describes the official use by Department of the Interior or a DOI bureau of a third-party social media account or service as an official means of communication or public engagement.

This policy supersedes existing policies and serves as the singular policy on social media for all bureaus and offices within the Department. Bureaus and offices may create additional guidance, tailored to specific needs. The guidance should align with this policy and the digital media guide.

This policy does not govern the use of third-party social media sites in one's official capacity for research or informational purposes.

Social media platforms are a powerful and effective means to communicate quickly and broadly, share information, and interact with the public. DOI leverages these third-party services to reach a wider audience of the general public.

Official use of social media to communicate and engage with the public must be in accordance with all the applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies including Section 508 (Accessibility); Records Management, Retention, and Archiving; Information Quality; and Intellectual Property. (See Section 2.)

Under the auspices of Departmental Manual Part 110, 5.3.A, the DOI Digital Media Guide provides additional information and best practices about the use of social media at DOI.

Official Use of Social Media at DOI

DOI encourages its bureaus and offices to use social media to communicate their missions and engage with the public when there is a legitimate business case to

do so and they have the resources (i.e., time and staffing) to maintain accounts. The [DOI Digital Media Guide](#) provides guidance on specific types of social media tools and services available for use.

DOI bureaus or offices may use only those social media services that have been approved by DOI for use. DOI will approve a social media service only after reviewing and accepting the terms of service agreement and documenting restrictions. DOI policy requires a Privacy Impact Assessment be conducted for all social media tools.

Before beginning any social media project, employees must first be granted approval to use social media, or other third-party services, to directly support or enhance activities being undertaken in an official capacity.

This includes receiving approval to create social media accounts for locations, programs, offices, and employees that are to be used for official work. Social media accounts created as professional personas (for example an account dedicated to Ranger Dan) for work and maintained using government resources (staff time, devices, etc.) are property of the federal government, are official records, and are subject to Freedom of Information Act.

All bureaus and offices will use the same approval process for social media accounts as detailed in the [Digital Media Guide \(doi.gov/dmgguide\)](#).

Any social media account that has not been approved via approval process detailed in the [Digital Media Guide](#) may be terminated.

Each bureau and office will maintain a list (including account name, URL and anything else a bureau deems necessary) of all official social media accounts on its public website and within the [U.S. Digital Registry](#); this catalog will be periodically reported to the DOI Office of Communications and Office of the Chief Information Officer. [Here's the list of contacts for each Bureau and office.](#)

The need for this approval is threefold:

1. To ensure cross-departmental alignment of social media efforts and to reduce duplication in accounts.
2. To ensure that information is, when appropriate, delivered to citizens and the general public in the context of unified themes or messages.
3. To ensure social media accounts are covered under special Terms of Service agreement (TOS), Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), and possibly a System of Records Notice (SORN) approved by the Department of the Interior.

All official social media accounts (both new and already existing) must have a primary contact who is responsible for managing account security, overseeing employee access and training, and distributing guidance. The contact for accounts must be a full-time, permanent employee. Official accounts must have a backup contact who fills in when the primary contact is unavailable or on leave.

Before getting access to an official social media account, all employees (including part-time, seasonal, volunteers, and partners) must take the mandatory social media training and sign Interior's social media user agreement.

If there are third-party services that a bureau has identified that it would like to use to help achieve the Department's mission, the bureau office of communications or public affairs officer must contact the DOI Office of Communications for review of the TOS and confirm PIA and SORN compliance.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using public-facing social media services in an official capacity within DOI:

- Do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is considered nonpublic information. The discussion of internal, sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.
- Do not use third-party social media sites as the sole venue for conducting official government business or disseminating information related to official DOI functions. Press releases, grant opportunities, rulemaking notices, and other official announcements must also be provided in another publicly available format such as a DOI or bureau website.
- When you are representing DOI or a bureau in an official capacity, what you say reflects on the Department, and DOI or the bureau is responsible for the content you publish. Any content that you post to a social media site while acting in your official capacity is public content, regardless of any privacy controls that restrict access to that content. You should assume this content will be available to a large audience, may be published and discussed in the media and is subject to FOIA and other rules requiring public disclosure.
- Remain focused on your mission. If using social media tools to communicate with the public isn't one of your primary duties, don't let it interfere with those duties.
- When using social media in an official capacity (when either managing an official organizational account or an official individual account), know and follow DOI and Executive Branch conduct [guidelines](#), such as the Appropriate Use of the Internet, Rules of Behavior for Computer Network Users, Limited Personal Use of Office Government Equipment, and Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.
 - Do not engage in vulgar or abusive language, personal attacks of

- any kind, or offensive terms targeting individuals or groups.
- Do not endorse commercial products, services, or entities.
 - Do not solicit donations of any kind.
 - Do not endorse political parties, candidates, or groups.
 - Do not advocate for a policy or Congressional bill.

Non-Official/Personal Use of Social Media

Social media can sometimes blur the line between professional and personal lives and interactions. Statements intended as personal opinion can be mistaken for official expressions of agency policy or position. DOI employees, or those working on behalf of DOI, who use social media for strictly personal use outside of the workplace do not require approval to do so. However, many laws, regulations, and policies that apply to an employee's official activities apply as well to employee activities in their personal lives.

Employees are free to use their personal social media accounts. They may also include their official position, along with other personal details, in areas of their accounts that are designated for biographical information. However, in using these personal accounts, they may not use their official title, position, or authority for the purposes of private gain for themselves, another person, or organization. In addition, they may not give the appearance that the Government sanctions or endorses their personal activities or opinions. They should not use a photo of themselves in official uniform as their profile picture or use their official title in posts or comments.

The following factors are key to determining whether an employee misuses social media and creates the appearance of Government endorsement or sanction:

- Whether the employee states that he or she is acting on behalf of the government;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her connection to the government as support for the employee's statements;
- Whether the employee prominently features his or her agency's name, seal, uniform or similar items on the employee's social media account or in connection with specific social media activities;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her government employment, title, or position in areas other than those designated for biographical information;
- Whether the employee holds a highly visible position in the Government, such as a senior or political position, or is authorized to speak for the Government as part of the employee's official duties; or
- Whether other circumstances would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the government sanctions or endorses the employees' social media activities.

Employees in their personal use of social media (whether on a public platform or

a private group) are prohibited from distributing any government information that they are prohibited from distributing in their official use of social media. This includes information protected by the Privacy Act or Trade Secrets Act, pre-decisional information, or other sensitive information to which employees may have access as part of their work with the government.

Employees in their personal use of social media must abide by the Hatch Act, which prohibits engaging in political activity while on duty or in the workplace or in an official capacity at any time; and soliciting or receiving political contributions at any time.

Exercise discretion and common sense on personal social media accounts to ensure that you do not inadvertently compromise our professional, legal, or ethical standards. Consider your social media activity as a whole and how it reflects on you personally and professionally.

Similarly, standards of ethical conduct and other ethics policies can apply equally to employee activity outside of work as well as inside, especially in instances where the employee is, or can be, identified as a federal employee. (See Section 2.)

Any activity using Government equipment (including access to the Internet) is governed by Department of the Interior's guidelines on the [Personal Use of Government Office Equipment](#). This includes the use, during non-work hours, of government-furnished equipment that an employee may regularly have in his or her personal possession, such as a work-provided smartphone, as well as the use of equipment at work during office hours.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using social media services in a non-official/personal capacity within DOI:

- **Be aware of how your DOI association on social media might be portrayed.** If you identify yourself as a DOI employee, or have a public-facing position for which your DOI association is known to the general public, ensure your personal profile and related content is consistent with how you wish to present yourself as a DOI professional, appropriate with the public trust associated with your position, and conform to existing standards, such as [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#). Employees should have no expectation of privacy when using social media tools.
- **When in doubt, stop.** If you're unsure about posting something on social media, check with your ethics counselor.
- **Only discuss publicly available information.** In a publicly accessible forum, do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is not already considered public information. The discussion of sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. This rule applies even in circumstances where password or other privacy controls are implemented. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.

SECTION 2: Federal Policies Applicable to the Use of Social Media

DOI and its bureaus are required to comply with all relevant federal laws, regulations, and policies, including, but not limited to, Section 508, Records Management/Retention/Archiving, Privacy Act, and the Freedom of Information Act

Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Annual appropriations acts typically contain provisions that generally prohibit the use of funds for publicity or propaganda purposes or in a way that tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislation pending before Congress. Exceptions to the general prohibitions include official presentations of the Department's stance on pending legislation when briefing Congress or in Congressional hearings and certain actions undertaken by Senate confirmed Presidential appointees. The use of government resources, including social media accounts and employee time, to post social media messages that constitutes publicity, propaganda, or lobbying activities violate these provisions. Agencies directly appealing for members of the public to contact Congress is also clearly prohibited.

Critically, the General Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that social media campaigns that promote agency messaging but conceal or otherwise mislead the public as to the agency's role in creating the campaign is prohibited activity. GAO has also found agency hyperlinks to external websites that contain calls to contact members of Congress in support or opposition of pending legislation is likewise prohibited. Questions about the applicability of these appropriations provisions should be directed to the Office of the Solicitor.

Section 508 (Accessibility)

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (as amended), requires that electronic and information technologies purchased, maintained, or used by the Federal Government meet certain accessibility standards. These standards are designed to make online information and services fully available to the 54 million Americans who have disabilities that would otherwise prevent them from having access to that content. Agencies are already required by Federal Acquisition Regulations to modify acquisition planning procedures to ensure that the section 508 standards are properly considered and to include the standards in requirements documents. OMB reminds agencies to disseminate information to the public on a timely and equitable basis, specifically mentioning meeting the Section 508 requirements in OMB Memorandum M-06-02. Agencies employing non-Federal social media services are required to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to those services as defined in the Accessibility Standards. Third-party services have a varying degree of accessibility support, therefore it's incumbent upon DOI bureaus to make their content as accessible as possible on those services. However, equivalent access to the same information should be made available on a DOI or bureau website.

All content displayed on DOI and bureau websites must adhere to section 508 standards regardless of whether or not the content is created and hosted by DOI or bureaus. Content created and hosted by a third party and displayed on DOI or bureau websites via a widget is subject to 508 compliance standards.

In January 2017, the federal government revised existing section 508 standards with the more comprehensive requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Group (WCAG) 2.0, level AA standards. DOI requires that Interior websites conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA standards.

Resources: [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#), [About the Section 508 Standards](#), and [current and future OMB memos](#).

Records Management, Retention, and Archiving

When using electronic media, whether it is a blog, a website, social media, or any other type of electronic communication, the laws and regulations that govern proper management and archival of records still apply. The [National Archives and Records Administration](#) offers resources and guidance to agencies to ensure proper records management.

DOI and bureaus will need to work with the Records Management Officers to determine the best way to capture and retain social media records, and the proper records maintenance schedules and dispositions for content posted on third-party websites. See the Digital Media Guide for additional information regarding social media records.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources,"](#) (see section 8a4); [Implications of Recent Web Technologies for NARA Web Guidance](#)

Information Quality

The public places a high degree of trust in government content and considers it an authoritative source. Under the Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services, agencies are required to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information and services provided to the public. With regard to social media information-dissemination products, agencies must reasonably ensure suitable information and service quality consistent with the level of importance of the information. Reasonable steps include: (1) clearly identifying the benefits and limitations inherent in the information dissemination product (e.g., possibility of errors, degree of reliability, and validity), and (2) taking reasonable steps to remove the limitations inherent in the product or information produced. Agency management must ensure that the agency position is reflected in all communications rather than one person's opinion.

DOI and bureaus should include a disclaimer when posting content on third-party websites that explains that DOI is only responsible for quality of the information posted by the official DOI account and not for the quality of the information posted by other users.

Resource: [M-17-06: Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services Section 11](#)

Availability to Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Executive Order 13166 requires that agencies provide appropriate access to persons with limited English proficiency. The scope of this requirement encompasses all "Federally conducted programs and activities," including using social media technologies to communicate and collaborate with citizens. Under this Executive Order, agencies must determine how much information they need to provide in other languages based on an assessment of customer needs. The requirements for social media implementations are no different than those for other electronic formats.

DOI and the bureaus are responsible for satisfying all policy requirements related to content that they provide to a third-party site; however, they cannot control and are thus not responsible for other content on that site, including section headings, log-in screens, or other components of the site.

Resources: [Commonly Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Executive Order 13166](#); [Executive Order 13166](#)

Availability of Information to Persons Without Internet Access

Agencies are required to provide members of the public who do not have internet connectivity with timely and equitable access to information, for example, by providing hard copies of reports and forms upon request.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130](#) (See 5(e)(2)(f))

Usability of Data

Many social media technologies allow users to take data from one website and combine it with data from another, commonly referred to as "mashups." Agency public websites are required, to the extent practicable and necessary to achieve intended purposes, to provide all data in an open, industry standard format that permits users to aggregate, disaggregate, or otherwise manipulate and analyze the data to meet their needs. Agencies need to ensure that these open industry standard formats are followed to maximize the utility of their data.

Resource: [OMB Memo M-05-04](#)

Intellectual Property

DOI and the bureaus must comply with Copyright Law of the United States of America and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code and other Federal policies and directives when posting images, text, video, audio files in blogs or on third party social media websites.

Generally, U.S. Government works are not protected by intellectual property law. However, the absence of intellectual property protections does not mean that all Government works are considered Public Domain and public dissemination may be restricted by other authorities. In addition, where an employee generates a joint work with outside entities pursuant to a contract or other agreement, the outside entity may have intellectual property rights to the final product as governed by the agreement. Employees should be careful about the nature of the work before posting to social media.

Resources: [Cendi](#), [Copyright.gov](#), [U.S. Trademark Law](#)
Privacy

Federal public websites and digital services are required to comply with all relevant Federal laws and policies, including the Privacy Act of 1974, E-Government Act of 2002, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy. Agencies must provide privacy policies on websites, mobile applications and digital services, implement privacy controls to protect individual privacy, and post a privacy notice or "Privacy Act Statement" when personally identifiable information is collected that describes the legal authority for the collection, the purpose, and how the data will be used and shared. Privacy policies must be written in plain language and in a standardized machine readable format, and address the nature, purpose, use and sharing of information collected from individuals through websites or digital services.

Individuals may provide PII to DOI when communicating, posting, blogging, linking, submitting, or other comparable functions. Employees must take care to limit any collection of PII to that which is authorized and necessary for the performance of official duties in support of the DOI mission. Privacy notice should be provided at the point of collection or prominently displayed on pages where PII may be made available so individuals have an opportunity to read the notice and make informed choices about what information they wish to provide or how they want to interact with the agency. The provision of information should be voluntary in accordance with Federal law and DOI privacy policy, and alternatives should be provided where possible for individuals seeking information or assistance who do not want to provide PII.

The Department of the Interior requires a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) be conducted for all systems, applications, mobile applications, information collections from the public, and official uses of social media applications to identify, evaluate and analyze potential privacy risks associated with their use. PIAs are a useful tool that allows the Department to identify, analyze, and mitigate privacy risks associated with the use of information technology. See the [DOI PIA Guide](#) for detailed guidance on conducting PIAs.

The collection of IP addresses, browser information, cookies, and similar data for server log files and website analytics used internally for site management purposes or summary statistics must be in accordance with OMB M-10-22 and DOI policy. The use of these technologies may improve navigation and customer experience, however, bureaus and offices must take appropriate steps to assess the privacy implications for that use, implement controls or procedures to protect privacy, provide clear notice of the bureau/office practices, and obtain approval as appropriate consistent with Departmental policy.

It is DOI's responsibility to protect personally identifiable information on internal websites and through its actions on third party social media sites. For instance,

DOI may not disclose PII or any other information on a third party social media site that it is prohibited from disclosing on its own website. The Privacy Act of 1974 (as amended) applies to Federal government activities conducted on social media platforms, and individuals should consult [DOI privacy officials](#) for guidance on privacy protection requirements.

Employees are required to immediately report any potential compromise of PII, in any medium or format, to their supervisor and helpdesk, or to DOICIRC@ios.doi.gov. Timely reporting and response allows the agency to take immediate steps to mitigate any harm resulting from the compromise.

Resource: [Privacy Act of 1974](#), [E-Government Act of 2002](#), [OMB Memorandum M-10-22, Guidance for Online Use of Web Measurement and Customization Technologies](#), [OMB Memorandum M-17-06, Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services](#), [DOI Privacy Program Information Collection & Paperwork Reduction Act](#)

Agencies are required, when possible, to use electronic forms and filing to conduct official business with the public, and social computing technologies can be used in many cases to meet this need. Federal public websites must ensure that information collected from the public minimizes burden and maximizes public utility. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) covers the collection of data from the public. The PRA requires OMB approval of all surveys given to ten (10) or more participants. This includes any sort of survey in which identical questions are given to ten (10) or more participants, regardless of the format. The exception to the survey rule is an anonymous submission form where users can provide open-ended comments or suggestions without any sort of Government guidance on the content. Questions about the applicability of the PRA should be directed to the DOI or bureau privacy officers or the Office of the Solicitor. See Privacy, above.

Resources: [Paperwork Reduction Act](#), [DOI Office of the Solicitor](#); [OMB Memorandum, "Social Media, Web-Based Interactive Technologies, and the Paperwork Reduction Act"](#)
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

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Resource: FOIA
Security

Social media services and applications communicating official DOI information require a detailed assessment and subsequent authorization by the Office of the Chief Information Officer prior to use. The data to be hosted by the social media service must be assessed and categorized to determine the impact to DOI in the

event of a compromise of Confidentiality, Integrity and/or Availability. Appropriate security controls, as defined in the DOI IT Security Control Standards, must be implemented based on the categorization of the data.

Ethics

When writing for, posting or participating on social media, you are either acting in your *Official* capacity as a DOI employee (and may reference your official title or position) OR you are acting in your *Personal* capacity (and may only include your title or position as one of several biographical details when such information is given to identify you, provided that it is not given more prominence than other significant biographical details).

Typically, an activity is undertaken in Official Capacity when it is consistent with statutory authority and Agency or office mission and assigned duties. When working in your official capacity, you can use DOI time and resources, including DOI email address, DOI phone number, DOI equipment and property and, if applicable, subordinates. Official social media accounts must be approved through approval process.

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Disclaimer

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DOI and bureaus should note that they are not responsible for, nor can they control other content on the site on the part of the site which the bureau does control, as well as on its website.

Office of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior

By: XXXX, [Date]

Agreement for Official Use of Social Media

Before you can be given access to post to an official Interior social media account, you must agree to the following:

Since you are representing the U.S. government on our social channels it is important that you follow all ethics rules and the Hatch Act. By signing this agreement you confirm you uphold the Executive Branch Standards of Conduct Rules; you will stay free of conflicts of interest and follow the Hatch Act when engaging in partisan political activity. Moreover, if you have any questions before you act, you agree to contact your ethics official for advice.

Follow Security Protocol

To meet Department password security requirements, please create strong passwords for your account, using a passphrase, and a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numbers and symbols. Some social media services display password "strength" meters when choosing new passwords. Choose passwords that meet the highest standard. When applicable, do not share passwords. Read and follow DOI security information.

Comply with Account Maintenance

You must help ensure members given access to our social media accounts are up-to-date and removed when they no longer need access. By carefully managing third-party applications and removing posting access, or logging out from the account whenever you change the password, Interior can keep our accounts more secure.

I agree to these terms for access to an official social media account.

(Employee signature and date)

(Supervisor signature and date)

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Monday would be great. thanks!

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:20 PM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm out tomorrow, but I could do later this afternoon or Monday.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:18 PM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Can Shandria help us set aside some time on Friday for a quick meeting on this?

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 10:38 AM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Laura,
Interior's updated social media policy is finally ready for your review and then sending it to Rob in ExecSec for the sunaming process to make it official.

OCIO's privacy, 508 compliance, security, records have all reviews, edited and signed off on this version -- along with someone in the Solicitor's Office, Ethics and all the social media/digital leads for the bureaus.

As a brief over, some of the major changes to this policy include:

- Establishing this as the singular policy on social media for the entire Department.
- Creating a standard approval process for news social media accounts that all Bureaus will use
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Digital Media Policy

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SECTION 1: Social Media Policy

The following policy regarding the official and non-official/**personal** use of social media sites and tools is effective **XXXX**. This policy describes the official use by Department of the Interior or a DOI bureau of a third-party social media account or service as an official means of communication or public engagement.

This policy supersedes existing policies and serves as the singular policy on social media for all bureaus and offices within the Department. Bureaus and offices may create additional guidance, tailored to specific needs. The guidance should align with this policy and the digital media guide.

This policy does not govern the use of third-party social media sites in one's official capacity for research or informational purposes.

Social media platforms are a powerful and effective means to communicate quickly and broadly, share information, and interact with the public. DOI leverages these third-party services to reach a wider audience of the general public.

Official use of social media to communicate and engage with the public must be in accordance with all the applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies including Section 508 (Accessibility); Records Management, Retention, and Archiving; Information Quality; and Intellectual Property. (See Section 2.)

Under the auspices of Departmental Manual Part 110, 5.3.A, the DOI Digital Media Guide provides additional information and best practices about the use of social media at DOI.

Official Use of Social Media at DOI

DOI encourages its bureaus and offices to use social media to communicate their missions and engage with the public when there is a legitimate business case to do so and they have the resources (i.e., time and staffing) to maintain accounts. The DOI Digital Media Guide provides guidance on specific types of social media tools and services available for use.

DOI bureaus or offices may use only those social media services that have been approved by DOI for use. DOI will approve a social media service only after reviewing and accepting the terms of service agreement and documenting restrictions. DOI policy requires a Privacy Impact Assessment be conducted for all social media tools.

Before beginning any social media project, employees must first be granted approval to use social media, or other third-party services, to directly support or enhance activities being undertaken in an official capacity.

This includes receiving approval to create social media accounts for locations, programs, offices, and employees that are to be used for official work. Social media accounts created as professional personas (for example an account dedicated to Ranger Dan) for work and maintained using government resources (staff time, devices, etc.) are property of the federal government, are official records, and are subject to Freedom of Information Act.

All bureaus and offices will use the same approval process for social media

accounts as detailed in the [Digital Media Guide](https://doi.gov/dmguid) (doi.gov/dmguid).

Any social media account that has not been approved via approval process detailed in the [Digital Media Guide](https://doi.gov/dmguid) may be terminated.

Each bureau and office will maintain a list (including account name, URL and anything else a bureau deems necessary) of all official social media accounts on its public website and within the [U.S. Digital Registry](https://www.doi.gov/digital-registry); this catalog will be periodically reported to the DOI Office of Communications and Office of the Chief Information Officer. [Here's the list of contacts for each Bureau and office.](#)

The need for this approval is threefold:

1. To ensure cross-departmental alignment of social media efforts and to reduce duplication in accounts.
2. To ensure that information is, when appropriate, delivered to citizens and the general public in the context of unified themes or messages.
3. To ensure social media accounts are covered under special Terms of Service agreement (TOS), Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), and possibly a System of Records Notice (SORN) approved by the Department of the Interior.

All official social media accounts (both new and already existing) must have a primary contact who is responsible for managing account security, overseeing employee access and training, and distributing guidance. The contact for accounts must be a full-time, permanent employee. Official accounts must have a backup contact who fills in when the primary contact is unavailable or on leave.

Before getting access to an official social media account, all employees (including part-time, seasonal, volunteers, and partners) must take the mandatory social media training and sign Interior's social media user agreement.

If there are third-party services that a bureau has identified that it would like to use to help achieve the Department's mission, the bureau office of communications or public affairs officer must contact the DOI Office of Communications for review of the TOS and confirm PIA and SORN compliance.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using public-facing social media services in an official capacity within DOI:

- Do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is considered nonpublic information. The discussion of internal, sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply may result in fines

and/or disciplinary action.

- Do not use third-party social media sites as the sole venue for conducting official government business or disseminating information related to official DOI functions. Press releases, grant opportunities, rulemaking notices, and other official announcements must also be provided in another publicly available format such as a DOI or bureau website.
- When you are representing DOI or a bureau in an official capacity, what you say reflects on the Department, and DOI or the bureau is responsible for the content you publish. Any content that you post to a social media site while acting in your official capacity is public content, regardless of any privacy controls that restrict access to that content. You should assume this content will be available to a large audience, may be published and discussed in the media and is subject to FOIA and other rules requiring public disclosure.
- Remain focused on your mission. If using social media tools to communicate with the public isn't one of your primary duties, don't let it interfere with those duties.
- When using social media in an official capacity (when either managing an official organizational account or an official individual account), know and follow DOI and Executive Branch conduct [guidelines](#), such as the Appropriate Use of the Internet, Rules of Behavior for Computer Network Users, Limited Personal Use of Office Government Equipment, and Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.
 - Do not engage in vulgar or abusive language, personal attacks of any kind, or offensive terms targeting individuals or groups.
 - Do not endorse commercial products, services, or entities.
 - Do not solicit donations of any kind.
 - Do not endorse political parties, candidates, or groups.
 - Do not advocate for a policy or Congressional bill.

Non-Official/Personal Use of Social Media

Social media can sometimes blur the line between professional and personal lives and interactions. Statements intended as personal opinion can be mistaken for official expressions of agency policy or position. DOI employees, or those working on behalf of DOI, who use social media for strictly personal use outside of the workplace do not require approval to do so. However, many laws, regulations, and policies that apply to an employee's official activities apply as well to employee activities in their personal lives.

Employees are free to use their personal social media accounts. They may also include their official position, along with other personal details, in areas of their accounts that are designated for biographical information. However, in using these personal accounts, they may not use their official title, position, or authority for the purposes of private gain for themselves, another person, or organization. In addition, they may not give the appearance that the Government sanctions or endorses their personal activities or opinions. They should not use a photo of themselves in official uniform as their profile picture or use their official title in posts

or comments.

The following factors are key to determining whether an employee misuses social media and creates the appearance of Government endorsement or sanction:

- Whether the employee states that he or she is acting on behalf of the government;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her connection to the government as support for the employee's statements;
- Whether the employee prominently features his or her agency's name, seal, uniform or similar items on the employee's social media account or in connection with specific social media activities;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her government employment, title, or position in areas other than those designated for biographical information;
- Whether the employee holds a highly visible position in the Government, such as a senior or political position, or is authorized to speak for the Government as part of the employee's official duties; or
- Whether other circumstances would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the government sanctions or endorses the employees' social media activities.

Employees in their personal use of social media (whether on a public platform or a private group) are prohibited from distributing any government information that they are prohibited from distributing in their official use of social media. This includes information protected by the Privacy Act or Trade Secrets Act, pre-decisional information, or other sensitive information to which employees may have access as part of their work with the government.

Employees in their personal use of social media must abide by the Hatch Act, which prohibits engaging in political activity while on duty or in the workplace or in an official capacity at any time; and soliciting or receiving political contributions at any time.

Exercise discretion and common sense on personal social media accounts to ensure that you do not inadvertently compromise our professional, legal, or ethical standards. Consider your social media activity as a whole and how it reflects on you personally and professionally.

Similarly, standards of ethical conduct and other ethics policies can apply equally to employee activity outside of work as well as inside, especially in instances where the employee is, or can be, identified as a federal employee. (See Section 2.) Any activity using Government equipment (including access to the Internet) is governed by Department of the Interior's guidelines on the [Personal Use of Government Office Equipment](#). This includes the use, during non-work hours, of government-furnished equipment that an employee may regularly have in his or her personal possession, such as a work-provided smartphone, as well as the use of equipment at work during office hours.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using social media services in a non-official/personal capacity within DOI:

- **Be aware of how your DOI association on social media might be portrayed.** If you identify yourself as a DOI employee, or have a public-facing position for which your DOI association is known to the general public, ensure your personal profile and related content is consistent with how you wish to present yourself as a DOI professional, appropriate with the public trust associated with your position, and conform to existing standards, such as [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#). Employees should have no expectation of privacy when using social media tools.
- **When in doubt, stop.** If you're unsure about posting something on social media, check with your ethics counselor.
- **Only discuss publicly available information.** In a publicly accessible forum, do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is not already considered public information. The discussion of sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. This rule applies even in circumstances where password or other privacy controls are implemented. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.

SECTION 2: Federal Policies Applicable to the Use of Social Media

DOI and its bureaus are required to comply with all relevant federal laws, regulations, and policies, including, but not limited to, Section 508, Records Management/Retention/Archiving, Privacy Act, and the Freedom of Information Act

Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Annual appropriations acts typically contain provisions that generally prohibit the use of funds for publicity or propaganda purposes or in a way that tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislation pending before Congress. Exceptions to the general prohibitions include official presentations of the Department's stance on pending legislation when briefing Congress or in Congressional hearings and certain actions undertaken by Senate confirmed Presidential appointees. The use of government resources, including social media accounts and employee time, to post social media messages that constitutes publicity, propaganda, or lobbying activities violate these provisions. Agencies directly appealing for members of the public to contact Congress is also clearly prohibited.

Critically, the General Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that social media campaigns that promote agency messaging but conceal or otherwise mislead the public as to the agency's role in creating the campaign is prohibited activity. GAO has also found agency hyperlinks to external websites that contain calls to contact members of Congress in support or opposition of pending legislation is likewise prohibited. Questions about the applicability of these appropriations provisions should be directed to the Office of the Solicitor.

Section 508 (Accessibility)

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (as amended), requires that

electronic and information technologies purchased, maintained, or used by the Federal Government meet certain accessibility standards. These standards are designed to make online information and services fully available to the 54 million Americans who have disabilities that would otherwise prevent them from having access to that content. Agencies are already required by Federal Acquisition Regulations to modify acquisition planning procedures to ensure that the section 508 standards are properly considered and to include the standards in requirements documents. OMB reminds agencies to disseminate information to the public on a timely and equitable basis, specifically mentioning meeting the Section 508 requirements in OMB Memorandum M-06-02. Agencies employing non-Federal social media services are required to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to those services as defined in the Accessibility Standards. Third-party services have a varying degree of accessibility support, therefore it's incumbent upon DOI bureaus to make their content as accessible as possible on those services. However, equivalent access to the same information should be made available on a DOI or bureau website.

All content displayed on DOI and bureau websites must adhere to section 508 standards regardless of whether or not the content is created and hosted by DOI or bureaus. Content created and hosted by a third party and displayed on DOI or bureau websites via a widget is subject to 508 compliance standards.

In January 2017, the federal government revised existing section 508 standards with the more comprehensive requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Group (WCAG) 2.0, level AA standards. DOI requires that Interior websites conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA standards.

Resources: [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#), [About the Section 508 Standards](#), and [current and future OMB memos](#).

Records Management, Retention, and Archiving

When using electronic media, whether it is a blog, a website, social media, or any other type of electronic communication, the laws and regulations that govern proper management and archival of records still apply. The [National Archives and Records Administration](#) offers resources and guidance to agencies to ensure proper records management.

DOI and bureaus will need to work with the Records Management Officers to determine the best way to capture and retain social media records, and the proper records maintenance schedules and dispositions for content posted on third-party websites. See the Digital Media Guide for additional information regarding social media records.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources," \(see section 8a4\); Implications of Recent Web Technologies for NARA Web Guidance](#)

Information Quality

The public places a high degree of trust in government content and considers it an authoritative source. Under the Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services, agencies are required to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information and services provided to the public. With regard to social media information-dissemination products, agencies must reasonably ensure suitable information and service quality consistent with the level of importance of the information. Reasonable steps include: (1) clearly identifying the benefits and limitations inherent in the information dissemination product (e.g., possibility of errors, degree of reliability, and validity), and (2) taking reasonable steps to remove the limitations inherent in the product or information produced. Agency management must ensure that the agency position is reflected in all communications rather than one person's opinion.

DOI and bureaus should include a disclaimer when posting content on third-party websites that explains that DOI is only responsible for quality of the information posted by the official DOI account and not for the quality of the information posted by other users.

Resource: [M-17-06: Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services Section 11](#)

Availability to Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Executive Order 13166 requires that agencies provide appropriate access to persons with limited English proficiency. The scope of this requirement encompasses all "Federally conducted programs and activities," including using social media technologies to communicate and collaborate with citizens. Under this Executive Order, agencies must determine how much information they need to provide in other languages based on an assessment of customer needs. The requirements for social media implementations are no different than those for other electronic formats.

DOI and the bureaus are responsible for satisfying all policy requirements related to content that they provide to a third-party site; however, they cannot control and are thus not responsible for other content on that site, including section headings, log-in screens, or other components of the site.

Resources: [Commonly Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Executive Order 13166](#); [Executive Order 13166](#)

Availability of Information to Persons Without Internet Access

Agencies are required to provide members of the public who do not have internet connectivity with timely and equitable access to information, for example, by providing hard copies of reports and forms upon request.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130 \(See 5\(e\)\(2\)\(f\)\)](#)

Usability of Data

Many social media technologies allow users to take data from one website and combine it with data from another, commonly referred to as "mashups." Agency

public websites are required, to the extent practicable and necessary to achieve intended purposes, to provide all data in an open, industry standard format that permits users to aggregate, disaggregate, or otherwise manipulate and analyze the data to meet their needs. Agencies need to ensure that these open industry standard formats are followed to maximize the utility of their data.

Resource: [OMB Memo M-05-04](#)
Intellectual Property

DOI and the bureaus must comply with Copyright Law of the United States of America and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code and other Federal policies and directives when posting images, text, video, audio files in blogs or on third party social media websites.

Generally, U.S. Government works are not protected by intellectual property law. However, the absence of intellectual property protections does not mean that all Government works are considered Public Domain and public dissemination may be restricted by other authorities. In addition, where an employee generates a joint work with outside entities pursuant to a contract or other agreement, the outside entity may have intellectual property rights to the final product as governed by the agreement. Employees should be careful about the nature of the work before posting to social media.

Resources: [Cendi](#), [Copyright.gov](#), [U.S. Trademark Law](#)
Privacy

Federal public websites and digital services are required to comply with all relevant Federal laws and policies, including the Privacy Act of 1974, E-Government Act of 2002, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy. Agencies must provide privacy policies on websites, mobile applications and digital services, implement privacy controls to protect individual privacy, and post a privacy notice or "Privacy Act Statement" when personally identifiable information is collected that describes the legal authority for the collection, the purpose, and how the data will be used and shared. Privacy policies must be written in plain language and in a standardized machine readable format, and address the nature, purpose, use and sharing of information collected from individuals through websites or digital services.

Individuals may provide PII to DOI when communicating, posting, blogging, linking, submitting, or other comparable functions. Employees must take care to limit any collection of PII to that which is authorized and necessary for the performance of official duties in support of the DOI mission. Privacy notice should be provided at the point of collection or prominently displayed on pages where PII may be made available so individuals have an opportunity to read the notice and make informed choices about what information they wish to provide or how they want to interact with the agency. The provision of information should be voluntary in accordance with Federal law and DOI privacy policy, and alternatives should be provided where

possible for individuals seeking information or assistance who do not want to provide PII.

The Department of the Interior requires a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) be conducted for all systems, applications, mobile applications, information collections from the public, and official uses of social media applications to identify, evaluate and analyze potential privacy risks associated with their use. PIAs are a useful tool that allows the Department to identify, analyze, and mitigate privacy risks associated with the use of information technology. See the [DOI PIA Guide](#) for detailed guidance on conducting PIAs.

The collection of IP addresses, browser information, cookies, and similar data for server log files and website analytics used internally for site management purposes or summary statistics must be in accordance with OMB M-10-22 and DOI policy. The use of these technologies may improve navigation and customer experience, however, bureaus and offices must take appropriate steps to assess the privacy implications for that use, implement controls or procedures to protect privacy, provide clear notice of the bureau/office practices, and obtain approval as appropriate consistent with Departmental policy.

It is DOI's responsibility to protect personally identifiable information on internal websites and through its actions on third party social media sites. For instance, DOI may not disclose PII or any other information on a third party social media site that it is prohibited from disclosing on its own website. The Privacy Act of 1974 (as amended) applies to Federal government activities conducted on social media platforms, and individuals should consult [DOI privacy officials](#) for guidance on privacy protection requirements.

Employees are required to immediately report any potential compromise of PII, in any medium or format, to their supervisor and helpdesk, or to DOICIRC@ios.doi.gov. Timely reporting and response allows the agency to take immediate steps to mitigate any harm resulting from the compromise.

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Office of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior

By: XXXX, [Date]

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Follow Security Protocol

To meet Department password security requirements, please create strong passwords for your

account, using a passphrase, and a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numbers and symbols. Some social media services display password “strength” meters when choosing new passwords. Choose passwords that meet the highest standard. When applicable, do not share passwords. Read and follow DOI security information.

Comply with Account Maintenance

You must help ensure members given access to our social media accounts are up-to-date and removed when they no longer need access. By carefully managing third-party applications and removing posting access, or logging out from the account whenever you change the password, Interior can keep our accounts more secure.

I agree to these terms for access to an official social media account.

(Employee signature and date)

(Supervisor signature and date)

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To: Domenech, Douglas[douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov]
From: Davis, Natalie
Sent: 2017-07-10T11:19:25-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: can you send me the names and positions of the new people?
Received: 2017-07-10T11:19:34-04:00
[Renner, Elinor.docx](#)
[Nachmany, Eli.docx](#)
[Lawkowski, Gary.pdf](#)
[Travnicek, Andrea.doc](#)

Here are their resumes.

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Do you recall where they came from?
Elinor - Heritage
others?

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On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 11:09 AM, Davis, Natalie <natalie_davis@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Elinor Renner- Special Assistant to Secretary (Executive Assistant)
Eli Nachmany- Writer in Comms
Gary Lawkowski- Counselor in SOL
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On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 10:58 AM, Domenech, Douglas <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Cc: Dixon, Shandria[shandria_dixon@ios.doi.gov]
From: Matulka, Rebecca
Sent: 2017-07-06T13:20:25-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: For Review: Interior's Social Media Policy
Received: 2017-07-06T13:20:27-04:00

I'm out tomorrow, but I could do later this afternoon or Monday.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 1:18 PM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Can Shandria help us set aside some time on Friday for a quick meeting on this?

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Communications Director
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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 10:38 AM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Laura,
Interior's updated social media policy is finally ready for your review and then sending it to Rob in ExecSec for the surnaming process to make it official.

OCIO's privacy, 508 compliance, security, records have all reviews, edited and signed off on this version -- along with someone in the Solicitor's Office, Ethics and all the social media/digital leads for the bureaus.

As a brief over, some of the major changes to this policy include:

- Establishing this as the singular policy on social media for the entire Department.
- Creating a standard approval process for news social media accounts that all Bureaus will use
- Requiring people with access to government social media accounts take a training class and sign a user agreement
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- Adding a section on Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Here is link to the Google Doc for social media policy (and I've pasted it below for ease): <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1vm0lw7cKNvdd0zJl3KOo3yzqCoeN-cbHcLNQLbh1o0U/edit?usp=sharing>

Here is the link for the user agreement people will sign (I've also pasted it below). As an FYI,

Ethics, Solicitor's and OCIO have all reviewed and signed off on this language:

https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1_SqBMoWtGrzI3avHAwWBmlY4qQcmBDE_ONIB8o1U6Tg/edit?usp=sharing

Digital Media Policy

Note: The original document is available in PDF form.

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SECTION 1: Social Media Policy

The following policy regarding the official and non-official/**personal** use of social media sites and tools is effective **XXXX**. This policy describes the official use by Department of the Interior or a DOI bureau of a third-party social media account or service as an official means of communication or public engagement.

This policy supersedes existing policies and serves as the singular policy on social media for all bureaus and offices within the Department. Bureaus and offices may create additional guidance, tailored to specific needs. The guidance should align with this policy and the digital media guide.

This policy does not govern the use of third-party social media sites in one's official capacity for research or informational purposes.

Social media platforms are a powerful and effective means to communicate quickly and broadly, share information, and interact with the public. DOI leverages these third-party services to reach a wider audience of the general public.

Official use of social media to communicate and engage with the public must be in accordance with all the applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies including Section 508 (Accessibility); Records Management, Retention, and Archiving; Information Quality; and Intellectual Property. (See Section 2.)

Under the auspices of Departmental Manual Part 110, 5.3.A, the DOI Digital Media Guide provides additional information and best practices about the use of social media at DOI.

Official Use of Social Media at DOI

DOI encourages its bureaus and offices to use social media to communicate their missions and engage with the public when there is a legitimate business case to do so and they have the resources (i.e., time and staffing) to maintain accounts. The DOI Digital Media Guide provides guidance on specific types of social media tools and services available for use.

DOI bureaus or offices may use only those social media services that have been approved by DOI for use. DOI will approve a social media service only after reviewing and accepting the terms of service agreement and documenting restrictions. DOI policy requires a Privacy Impact Assessment be conducted for all social media tools.

Before beginning any social media project, employees must first be granted approval to use social media, or other third-party services, to directly support or enhance activities being undertaken in an official capacity.

This includes receiving approval to create social media accounts for locations, programs, offices, and employees that are to be used for official work. Social media accounts created as professional personas (for example an account dedicated to Ranger Dan) for work and maintained using government resources (staff time, devices, etc.) are property of the federal government, are official records, and are subject to Freedom of Information Act.

All bureaus and offices will use the same approval process for social media accounts as detailed in the Digital Media Guide (doi.gov/dmguide).

Any social media account that has not been approved via approval process detailed in the Digital Media Guide may be terminated.

Each bureau and office will maintain a list (including account name, URL and anything else a bureau deems necessary) of all official social media accounts on its public website and within the U.S. Digital Registry; this catalog will be periodically reported to the DOI Office of Communications and Office of the Chief Information

Officer. [Here's the list of contacts for each Bureau and office.](#)

The need for this approval is threefold:

1. To ensure cross-departmental alignment of social media efforts and to reduce duplication in accounts.
2. To ensure that information is, when appropriate, delivered to citizens and the general public in the context of unified themes or messages.
3. To ensure social media accounts are covered under special Terms of Service agreement (TOS), Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), and possibly a System of Records Notice (SORN) approved by the Department of the Interior.

All official social media accounts (both new and already existing) must have a primary contact who is responsible for managing account security, overseeing employee access and training, and distributing guidance. The contact for accounts must be a full-time, permanent employee. Official accounts must have a backup contact who fills in when the primary contact is unavailable or on leave.

Before getting access to an official social media account, all employees (including part-time, seasonal, volunteers, and partners) must take the mandatory social media training and sign Interior's social media user agreement.

If there are third-party services that a bureau has identified that it would like to use to help achieve the Department's mission, the bureau office of communications or public affairs officer must contact the DOI Office of Communications for review of the TOS and confirm PIA and SORN compliance.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using public-facing social media services in an official capacity within DOI:

- Do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is considered nonpublic information. The discussion of internal, sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.
- Do not use third-party social media sites as the sole venue for conducting official government business or disseminating information related to official DOI functions. Press releases, grant opportunities, rulemaking notices, and other official announcements must also be provided in another publicly available format such as a DOI or bureau website.
- When you are representing DOI or a bureau in an official capacity, what you say reflects on the Department, and DOI or the bureau is responsible for the content you publish. Any content that you post to a social media site while acting in your official capacity is public content, regardless of any privacy

controls that restrict access to that content. You should assume this content will be available to a large audience, may be published and discussed in the media and is subject to FOIA and other rules requiring public disclosure.

- Remain focused on your mission. If using social media tools to communicate with the public isn't one of your primary duties, don't let it interfere with those duties.
- When using social media in an official capacity (when either managing an official organizational account or an official individual account), know and follow DOI and Executive Branch conduct [guidelines](#), such as the Appropriate Use of the Internet, Rules of Behavior for Computer Network Users, Limited Personal Use of Office Government Equipment, and Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.
 - Do not engage in vulgar or abusive language, personal attacks of any kind, or offensive terms targeting individuals or groups.
 - Do not endorse commercial products, services, or entities.
 - Do not solicit donations of any kind.
 - Do not endorse political parties, candidates, or groups.
 - Do not advocate for a policy or Congressional bill.

Non-Official/Personal Use of Social Media

Social media can sometimes blur the line between professional and personal lives and interactions. Statements intended as personal opinion can be mistaken for official expressions of agency policy or position. DOI employees, or those working on behalf of DOI, who use social media for strictly personal use outside of the workplace do not require approval to do so. However, many laws, regulations, and policies that apply to an employee's official activities apply as well to employee activities in their personal lives.

Employees are free to use their personal social media accounts. They may also include their official position, along with other personal details, in areas of their accounts that are designated for biographical information. However, in using these personal accounts, they may not use their official title, position, or authority for the purposes of private gain for themselves, another person, or organization. In addition, they may not give the appearance that the Government sanctions or endorses their personal activities or opinions. They should not use a photo of themselves in official uniform as their profile picture or use their official title in posts or comments.

The following factors are key to determining whether an employee misuses social media and creates the appearance of Government endorsement or sanction:

- Whether the employee states that he or she is acting on behalf of the government;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her connection to the government as support for the employee's statements;
- Whether the employee prominently features his or her agency's name, seal,

uniform or similar items on the employee's social media account or in connection with specific social media activities;

- Whether the employee refers to his or her government employment, title, or position in areas other than those designated for biographical information;
- Whether the employee holds a highly visible position in the Government, such as a senior or political position, or is authorized to speak for the Government as part of the employee's official duties; or
- Whether other circumstances would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the government sanctions or endorses the employees' social media activities.

Employees in their personal use of social media (whether on a public platform or a private group) are prohibited from distributing any government information that they are prohibited from distributing in their official use of social media. This includes information protected by the Privacy Act or Trade Secrets Act, pre-decisional information, or other sensitive information to which employees may have access as part of their work with the government.

Employees in their personal use of social media must abide by the Hatch Act, which prohibits engaging in political activity while on duty or in the workplace or in an official capacity at any time; and soliciting or receiving political contributions at any time.

Exercise discretion and common sense on personal social media accounts to ensure that you do not inadvertently compromise our professional, legal, or ethical standards. Consider your social media activity as a whole and how it reflects on you personally and professionally.

Similarly, standards of ethical conduct and other ethics policies can apply equally to employee activity outside of work as well as inside, especially in instances where the employee is, or can be, identified as a federal employee. (See Section 2.)

Any activity using Government equipment (including access to the Internet) is governed by Department of the Interior's guidelines on the [Personal Use of Government Office Equipment](#). This includes the use, during non-work hours, of government-furnished equipment that an employee may regularly have in his or her personal possession, such as a work-provided smartphone, as well as the use of equipment at work during office hours.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using social media services in a non-official/personal capacity within DOI:

- **Be aware of how your DOI association on social media might be portrayed.** If you identify yourself as a DOI employee, or have a public-facing position for which your DOI association is known to the general public, ensure your personal profile and related content is consistent with how you wish to

present yourself as a DOI professional, appropriate with the public trust associated with your position, and conform to existing standards, such as [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#). Employees should have no expectation of privacy when using social media tools.

- **When in doubt, stop.** If you're unsure about posting something on social media, check with your ethics counselor.
- **Only discuss publicly available information.** In a publicly accessible forum, do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is not already considered public information. The discussion of sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. This rule applies even in circumstances where password or other privacy controls are implemented. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.

SECTION 2: Federal Policies Applicable to the Use of Social Media

DOI and its bureaus are required to comply with all relevant federal laws, regulations, and policies, including, but not limited to, Section 508, Records Management/Retention/Archiving, Privacy Act, and the Freedom of Information Act

Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Annual appropriations acts typically contain provisions that generally prohibit the use of funds for publicity or propaganda purposes or in a way that tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislation pending before Congress. Exceptions to the general prohibitions include official presentations of the Department's stance on pending legislation when briefing Congress or in Congressional hearings and certain actions undertaken by Senate confirmed Presidential appointees. The use of government resources, including social media accounts and employee time, to post social media messages that constitutes publicity, propaganda, or lobbying activities violate these provisions. Agencies directly appealing for members of the public to contact Congress is also clearly prohibited.

Critically, the General Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that social media campaigns that promote agency messaging but conceal or otherwise mislead the public as to the agency's role in creating the campaign is prohibited activity. GAO has also found agency hyperlinks to external websites that contain calls to contact members of Congress in support or opposition of pending legislation is likewise prohibited. Questions about the applicability of these appropriations provisions should be directed to the Office of the Solicitor.

Section 508 (Accessibility)

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (as amended), requires that electronic and information technologies purchased, maintained, or used by the Federal Government meet certain accessibility standards. These standards are designed to make online information and services fully available to the 54 million Americans who have disabilities that would otherwise prevent them from having access to that content. Agencies are already required by Federal Acquisition Regulations to modify acquisition planning procedures to ensure that the section 508 standards are properly considered and to include the standards in requirements documents. OMB reminds agencies to disseminate information to the public on a timely and equitable basis, specifically mentioning meeting the Section 508 requirements in OMB

Memorandum M-06-02. Agencies employing non-Federal social media services are required to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to those services as defined in the Accessibility Standards. Third-party services have a varying degree of accessibility support, therefore it's incumbent upon DOI bureaus to make their content as accessible as possible on those services. However, equivalent access to the same information should be made available on a DOI or bureau website.

All content displayed on DOI and bureau websites must adhere to section 508 standards regardless of whether or not the content is created and hosted by DOI or bureaus. Content created and hosted by a third party and displayed on DOI or bureau websites via a widget is subject to 508 compliance standards.

In January 2017, the federal government revised existing section 508 standards with the more comprehensive requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Group (WCAG) 2.0, level AA standards. DOI requires that Interior websites conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA standards.

Resources: [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#), [About the Section 508 Standards](#), and [current and future OMB memos](#).

Records Management, Retention, and Archiving

When using electronic media, whether it is a blog, a website, social media, or any other type of electronic communication, the laws and regulations that govern proper management and archival of records still apply. The [National Archives and Records Administration](#) offers resources and guidance to agencies to ensure proper records management.

DOI and bureaus will need to work with the Records Management Officers to determine the best way to capture and retain social media records, and the proper records maintenance schedules and dispositions for content posted on third-party websites. See the Digital Media Guide for additional information regarding social media records.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources," \(see section 8a4\)](#); [Implications of Recent Web Technologies for NARA Web Guidance](#)

Information Quality

The public places a high degree of trust in government content and considers it an authoritative source. Under the Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services, agencies are required to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information and services provided to the public. With regard to social media information-dissemination products, agencies must reasonably ensure suitable information and service quality consistent with the level of importance of the information. Reasonable steps include: (1) clearly identifying the benefits and limitations inherent in the information dissemination product (e.g., possibility of

errors, degree of reliability, and validity), and (2) taking reasonable steps to remove the limitations inherent in the product or information produced. Agency management must ensure that the agency position is reflected in all communications rather than one person's opinion.

DOI and bureaus should include a disclaimer when posting content on third-party websites that explains that DOI is only responsible for quality of the information posted by the official DOI account and not for the quality of the information posted by other users.

Resource: [M-17-06: Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services Section 11](#)

Availability to Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Executive Order 13166 requires that agencies provide appropriate access to persons with limited English proficiency. The scope of this requirement encompasses all "Federally conducted programs and activities," including using social media technologies to communicate and collaborate with citizens. Under this Executive Order, agencies must determine how much information they need to provide in other languages based on an assessment of customer needs. The requirements for social media implementations are no different than those for other electronic formats.

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Resources: [Commonly Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Executive Order 13166](#); [Executive Order 13166](#)

Availability of Information to Persons Without Internet Access

Agencies are required to provide members of the public who do not have internet connectivity with timely and equitable access to information, for example, by providing hard copies of reports and forms upon request.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130](#) (See 5(e)(2)(f))

Usability of Data

Many social media technologies allow users to take data from one website and combine it with data from another, commonly referred to as "mashups." Agency public websites are required, to the extent practicable and necessary to achieve intended purposes, to provide all data in an open, industry standard format that permits users to aggregate, disaggregate, or otherwise manipulate and analyze the data to meet their needs. Agencies need to ensure that these open industry standard formats are followed to maximize the utility of their data.

Resource: [OMB Memo M-05-04](#)

Intellectual Property

DOI and the bureaus must comply with Copyright Law of the United States of America and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code and other Federal policies and directives when posting images, text, video, audio files in blogs or on third party social media websites.

Generally, U.S. Government works are not protected by intellectual property law. However, the absence of intellectual property protections does not mean that all Government works are considered Public Domain and public dissemination may be restricted by other authorities. In addition, where an employee generates a joint work with outside entities pursuant to a contract or other agreement, the outside entity may have intellectual property rights to the final product as governed by the agreement. Employees should be careful about the nature of the work before posting to social media.

Resources: [Cendi](#), [Copyright.gov](#), [U.S. Trademark Law](#)
Privacy

Federal public websites and digital services are required to comply with all relevant Federal laws and policies, including the Privacy Act of 1974, E-Government Act of 2002, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy. Agencies must provide privacy policies on websites, mobile applications and digital services, implement privacy controls to protect individual privacy, and post a privacy notice or "Privacy Act Statement" when personally identifiable information is collected that describes the legal authority for the collection, the purpose, and how the data will be used and shared. Privacy policies must be written in plain language and in a standardized machine readable format, and address the nature, purpose, use and sharing of information collected from individuals through websites or digital services.

Individuals may provide PII to DOI when communicating, posting, blogging, linking, submitting, or other comparable functions. Employees must take care to limit any collection of PII to that which is authorized and necessary for the performance of official duties in support of the DOI mission. Privacy notice should be provided at the point of collection or prominently displayed on pages where PII may be made available so individuals have an opportunity to read the notice and make informed choices about what information they wish to provide or how they want to interact with the agency. The provision of information should be voluntary in accordance with Federal law and DOI privacy policy, and alternatives should be provided where possible for individuals seeking information or assistance who do not want to provide PII.

The Department of the Interior requires a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) be conducted for all systems, applications, mobile applications, information collections from the public, and official uses of social media applications to identify, evaluate and analyze potential privacy risks associated with their use. PIAs are a useful tool that allows the Department to identify, analyze, and mitigate privacy risks associated with the use of information technology. See the [DOI PIA Guide](#) for detailed guidance on conducting PIAs.

The collection of IP addresses, browser information, cookies, and similar data for server log files and website analytics used internally for site management purposes or summary statistics must be in accordance with OMB M-10-22 and DOI policy. The use of these technologies may improve navigation and customer experience, however, bureaus and offices must take appropriate steps to assess the privacy implications for that use, implement controls or procedures to protect privacy, provide clear notice of the bureau/office practices, and obtain approval as appropriate consistent with Departmental policy.

It is DOI's responsibility to protect personally identifiable information on internal websites and through its actions on third party social media sites. For instance, DOI may not disclose PII or any other information on a third party social media site that it is prohibited from disclosing on its own website. The Privacy Act of 1974 (as amended) applies to Federal government activities conducted on social media platforms, and individuals should consult [DOI privacy officials](#) for guidance on privacy protection requirements.

Employees are required to immediately report any potential compromise of PII, in any medium or format, to their supervisor and helpdesk, or to DOICIRC@ios.doi.gov. Timely reporting and response allows the agency to take immediate steps to mitigate any harm resulting from the compromise.

Resource: [Privacy Act of 1974](#), [E-Government Act of 2002](#), [OMB Memorandum M-10-22, Guidance for Online Use of Web Measurement and Customization Technologies](#), [OMB Memorandum M-17-06, Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services](#), [DOI Privacy Program Information Collection & Paperwork Reduction Act](#)

Agencies are required, when possible, to use electronic forms and filing to conduct official business with the public, and social computing technologies can be used in many cases to meet this need. Federal public websites must ensure that information collected from the public minimizes burden and maximizes public utility. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) covers the collection of data from the public. The PRA requires OMB approval of all surveys given to ten (10) or more participants. This includes any sort of survey in which identical questions are given to ten (10) or more participants, regardless of the format. The exception to the survey rule is an anonymous submission form where users can provide open-ended comments or suggestions without any sort of Government guidance on the content. Questions about the applicability of the PRA should be directed to the DOI or bureau privacy officers or the Office of the Solicitor. See Privacy, above.

Resources: [Paperwork Reduction Act](#), [DOI Office of the Solicitor](#); [OMB Memorandum, "Social Media, Web-Based Interactive Technologies, and the Paperwork Reduction Act"](#)
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Government-sourced content posted via third-party social media sites or on public Government Web servers becomes part of the public domain upon posting. With limited exceptions, such content is therefore not exempt from FOIA requests.

**Resource: FOIA
Security**

Social media services and applications communicating official DOI information require a detailed assessment and subsequent authorization by the Office of the Chief Information Officer prior to use. The data to be hosted by the social media service must be assessed and categorized to determine the impact to DOI in the event of a compromise of Confidentiality, Integrity and/or Availability. Appropriate security controls, as defined in the DOI IT Security Control Standards, must be implemented based on the categorization of the data.

Ethics

When writing for, posting or participating on social media, you are either acting in your *Official* capacity as a DOI employee (and may reference your official title or position) OR you are acting in your *Personal* capacity (and may only include your title or position as one of several biographical details when such information is given to identify you, provided that it is not given more prominence than other significant biographical details).

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Due to the nature of social media, there may be times when your personal social media use could be interpreted as official use. It's important at those times that you understand how you use your personal social media when sharing/discussing public information related to your organization. In particular there are specific rules around the use of personal social media with regards to political activity.

To participate in your personal capacity, do not use your DOI email address or contact information. As stated above, you may include your DOI position or title as one of several biographical details with DOI not having any undue prominence. You should be clear you are expressing an individual personal opinion, not speaking on behalf of the Agency. While the agency does have a limited personal use policy that allows some personal use of DOI equipment such as computers, if expressing a personal opinion publicly on a subject, it is safest to avoid the use of DOI equipment and while in a federal building.

All Government-wide and Department of the Interior's standards and codes of ethical behavior for employees apply to employees' use of social networking and social media tools for both official and personal use including:

- [Hatch Act: FAQs on Federal Employees and the Use of Social Media and Email](#)
- [Standards of Conduct as Applied to Personal Social Media Use](#)
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Thanks! Can Shandria help us set aside some time on Friday for a quick meeting on this?

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 10:38 AM, Matulka, Rebecca <rebecca_matulka@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Laura,
Interior's updated social media policy is finally ready for your review and then sending it to Rob in ExecSec for the surnaming process to make it official.

OCIO's privacy, 508 compliance, security, records have all reviews, edited and signed off on this version -- along with someone in the Solicitor's Office, Ethics and all the social media/digital leads for the bureaus.

As a brief over, some of the major changes to this policy include:

- Establishing this as the singular policy on social media for the entire Department.
- Creating a standard approval process for news social media accounts that all Bureaus will use
- Requiring people with access to government social media accounts take a training class and sign a user agreement
- Requiring all social media accounts have a primary contact who is responsible for managing the accounts and is the person in charge if something goes wrong
- Updating guidance on personal use of social media
- Adding a section on Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Here is link to the Google Doc for social media policy (and I've pasted it below for ease): <https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1vm0lw7cKNvdd0zJl3KOo3yzqCoeN-cbHcLNQLbh1o0U/edit?usp=sharing>

Here is the link for the user agreement people will sign (I've also pasted it below). As an FYI, Ethics, Solicitor's and OCIO have all reviewed and signed off on this language: https://docs.google.com/a/doi.gov/document/d/1_SqBMoWtGrzI3avHAwWBmIY4qQcmBD_E_ONIB8o1U6Tg/edit?usp=sharing

Digital Media Policy

Note: The original document is available in PDF form.

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SECTION 1: Social Media Policy

The following policy regarding the official and non-official/**personal** use of social media sites and tools is effective **XXXX**. This policy describes the official use by Department of the Interior or a DOI bureau of a third-party social media account or service as an official means of communication or public engagement.

This policy supersedes existing policies and serves as the singular policy on social media for all bureaus and offices within the Department. Bureaus and offices may create additional guidance, tailored to specific needs. The guidance should align with this policy and the digital media guide.

This policy does not govern the use of third-party social media sites in one's official capacity for research or informational purposes.

Social media platforms are a powerful and effective means to communicate quickly and broadly, share information, and interact with the public. DOI leverages these third-party services to reach a wider audience of the general public.

Official use of social media to communicate and engage with the public must be in accordance with all the applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies including Section 508 (Accessibility); Records Management, Retention, and Archiving; Information Quality; and Intellectual Property. (See Section 2.)

Under the auspices of Departmental Manual Part 110, 5.3.A, the DOI Digital Media Guide provides additional information and best practices about the use of social media at DOI.

Official Use of Social Media at DOI

DOI encourages its bureaus and offices to use social media to communicate their missions and engage with the public when there is a legitimate business case to do so and they have the resources (i.e., time and staffing) to maintain accounts. The DOI Digital Media Guide provides guidance on specific types of social media tools and services available for use.

DOI bureaus or offices may use only those social media services that have been approved by DOI for use. DOI will approve a social media service only after reviewing and accepting the terms of service agreement and documenting restrictions. DOI policy requires a Privacy Impact Assessment be conducted for all social media tools.

Before beginning any social media project, employees must first be granted approval to use social media, or other third-party services, to directly support or enhance activities being undertaken in an official capacity.

This includes receiving approval to create social media accounts for locations, programs, offices, and employees that are to be used for official work. Social media accounts created as professional personas (for example an account dedicated to Ranger Dan) for work and maintained using government resources (staff time, devices, etc.) are property of the federal government, are official records, and are subject to Freedom of Information Act.

All bureaus and offices will use the same approval process for social media accounts as detailed in the Digital Media Guide (doi.gov/dmguide).

Any social media account that has not been approved via approval process detailed in the Digital Media Guide may be terminated.

Each bureau and office will maintain a list (including account name, URL and anything else a bureau deems necessary) of all official social media accounts on its public website and within the U.S. Digital Registry; this catalog will be periodically reported to the DOI Office of Communications and Office of the Chief Information Officer. Here's the list of contacts for each Bureau and office.

The need for this approval is threefold:

1. To ensure cross-departmental alignment of social media efforts and to reduce duplication in accounts.
2. To ensure that information is, when appropriate, delivered to citizens and the general public in the context of unified themes or messages.
3. To ensure social media accounts are covered under special Terms of Service agreement (TOS), Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), and possibly a System of Records Notice (SORN) approved by the Department of the Interior.

All official social media accounts (both new and already existing) must have a primary contact who is responsible for managing account security, overseeing employee access and training, and distributing guidance. The contact for accounts must be a full-time, permanent employee. Official accounts must have a backup contact who fills in when the primary contact is unavailable or on leave.

Before getting access to an official social media account, all employees (including part-time, seasonal, volunteers, and partners) must take the mandatory social media training and sign Interior's social media user agreement.

If there are third-party services that a bureau has identified that it would like to use to help achieve the Department's mission, the bureau office of communications or public affairs officer must contact the DOI Office of Communications for review of the TOS and confirm PIA and SORN compliance.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using public-facing social media services in an official capacity within DOI:

- Do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is considered nonpublic information. The discussion of internal, sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.
- Do not use third-party social media sites as the sole venue for conducting official government business or disseminating information related to official DOI functions. Press releases, grant opportunities, rulemaking notices, and other official announcements must also be provided in another publicly available format such as a DOI or bureau website.
- When you are representing DOI or a bureau in an official capacity, what you say reflects on the Department, and DOI or the bureau is responsible for the content you publish. Any content that you post to a social media site while acting in your official capacity is public content, regardless of any privacy controls that restrict access to that content. You should assume this content will be available to a large audience, may be published and discussed in the media and is subject to FOIA and other rules requiring public disclosure.
- Remain focused on your mission. If using social media tools to communicate

with the public isn't one of your primary duties, don't let it interfere with those duties.

- When using social media in an official capacity (when either managing an official organizational account or an official individual account), know and follow DOI and Executive Branch conduct guidelines, such as the Appropriate Use of the Internet, Rules of Behavior for Computer Network Users, Limited Personal Use of Office Government Equipment, and Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch.
 - Do not engage in vulgar or abusive language, personal attacks of any kind, or offensive terms targeting individuals or groups.
 - Do not endorse commercial products, services, or entities.
 - Do not solicit donations of any kind.
 - Do not endorse political parties, candidates, or groups.
 - Do not advocate for a policy or Congressional bill.

Non-Official/Personal Use of Social Media

Social media can sometimes blur the line between professional and personal lives and interactions. Statements intended as personal opinion can be mistaken for official expressions of agency policy or position. DOI employees, or those working on behalf of DOI, who use social media for strictly personal use outside of the workplace do not require approval to do so. However, many laws, regulations, and policies that apply to an employee's official activities apply as well to employee activities in their personal lives.

Employees are free to use their personal social media accounts. They may also include their official position, along with other personal details, in areas of their accounts that are designated for biographical information. However, in using these personal accounts, they may not use their official title, position, or authority for the purposes of private gain for themselves, another person, or organization. In addition, they may not give the appearance that the Government sanctions or endorses their personal activities or opinions. They should not use a photo of themselves in official uniform as their profile picture or use their official title in posts or comments.

The following factors are key to determining whether an employee misuses social media and creates the appearance of Government endorsement or sanction:

- Whether the employee states that he or she is acting on behalf of the government;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her connection to the government as support for the employee's statements;
- Whether the employee prominently features his or her agency's name, seal, uniform or similar items on the employee's social media account or in connection with specific social media activities;
- Whether the employee refers to his or her government employment, title, or position in areas other than those designated for biographical information;
- Whether the employee holds a highly visible position in the Government, such

as a senior or political position, or is authorized to speak for the Government as part of the employee's official duties; or

- Whether other circumstances would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the government sanctions or endorses the employees' social media activities.

Employees in their personal use of social media (whether on a public platform or a private group) are prohibited from distributing any government information that they are prohibited from distributing in their official use of social media. This includes information protected by the Privacy Act or Trade Secrets Act, pre-decisional information, or other sensitive information to which employees may have access as part of their work with the government.

Employees in their personal use of social media must abide by the Hatch Act, which prohibits engaging in political activity while on duty or in the workplace or in an official capacity at any time; and soliciting or receiving political contributions at any time.

Exercise discretion and common sense on personal social media accounts to ensure that you do not inadvertently compromise our professional, legal, or ethical standards. Consider your social media activity as a whole and how it reflects on you personally and professionally.

Similarly, standards of ethical conduct and other ethics policies can apply equally to employee activity outside of work as well as inside, especially in instances where the employee is, or can be, identified as a federal employee. (See Section 2.)

Any activity using Government equipment (including access to the Internet) is governed by Department of the Interior's guidelines on the [Personal Use of Government Office Equipment](#). This includes the use, during non-work hours, of government-furnished equipment that an employee may regularly have in his or her personal possession, such as a work-provided smartphone, as well as the use of equipment at work during office hours.

Guiding Principles

The following principles should be employed when using social media services in a non-official/personal capacity within DOI:

- **Be aware of how your DOI association on social media might be portrayed.** If you identify yourself as a DOI employee, or have a public-facing position for which your DOI association is known to the general public, ensure your personal profile and related content is consistent with how you wish to present yourself as a DOI professional, appropriate with the public trust associated with your position, and conform to existing standards, such as [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#). Employees should have no expectation of privacy when using social media tools.
- **When in doubt, stop.** If you're unsure about posting something on social media, check with your ethics counselor.

- **Only discuss publicly available information.** In a publicly accessible forum, do not discuss any agency- or bureau-related information that is not already considered public information. The discussion of sensitive, proprietary, or classified information is strictly prohibited. This rule applies even in circumstances where password or other privacy controls are implemented. Failure to comply may result in fines and/or disciplinary action.

SECTION 2: Federal Policies Applicable to the Use of Social Media

DOI and its bureaus are required to comply with all relevant federal laws, regulations, and policies, including, but not limited to, Section 508, Records Management/Retention/Archiving, Privacy Act, and the Freedom of Information Act

Publicity, Propaganda, and Anti-Lobbying Provisions

Annual appropriations acts typically contain provisions that generally prohibit the use of funds for publicity or propaganda purposes or in a way that tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislation pending before Congress. Exceptions to the general prohibitions include official presentations of the Department's stance on pending legislation when briefing Congress or in Congressional hearings and certain actions undertaken by Senate confirmed Presidential appointees. The use of government resources, including social media accounts and employee time, to post social media messages that constitutes publicity, propaganda, or lobbying activities violate these provisions. Agencies directly appealing for members of the public to contact Congress is also clearly prohibited.

Critically, the General Accountability Office (GAO) has determined that social media campaigns that promote agency messaging but conceal or otherwise mislead the public as to the agency's role in creating the campaign is prohibited activity. GAO has also found agency hyperlinks to external websites that contain calls to contact members of Congress in support or opposition of pending legislation is likewise prohibited. Questions about the applicability of these appropriations provisions should be directed to the Office of the Solicitor.

Section 508 (Accessibility)

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (as amended), requires that electronic and information technologies purchased, maintained, or used by the Federal Government meet certain accessibility standards. These standards are designed to make online information and services fully available to the 54 million Americans who have disabilities that would otherwise prevent them from having access to that content. Agencies are already required by Federal Acquisition Regulations to modify acquisition planning procedures to ensure that the section 508 standards are properly considered and to include the standards in requirements documents. OMB reminds agencies to disseminate information to the public on a timely and equitable basis, specifically mentioning meeting the Section 508 requirements in OMB Memorandum M-06-02. Agencies employing non-Federal social media services are required to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to those services as defined in the Accessibility Standards. Third-party services have a varying degree of accessibility support, therefore it's incumbent upon DOI bureaus to make their content as accessible as possible on those services. However, equivalent access to the same information should be made available on a DOI or bureau website.

All content displayed on DOI and bureau websites must adhere to section 508 standards regardless of whether or not the content is created and hosted by DOI or bureaus. Content created and hosted by a third party and displayed on DOI or bureau websites via a widget is subject to 508 compliance standards.

In January 2017, the federal government revised existing section 508 standards with the more comprehensive requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Group (WCAG) 2.0, level AA standards. DOI requires that Interior websites conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA standards.

Resources: [Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act](#), [About the Section 508 Standards](#), and [current and future OMB memos](#).

Records Management, Retention, and Archiving

When using electronic media, whether it is a blog, a website, social media, or any other type of electronic communication, the laws and regulations that govern proper management and archival of records still apply. The [National Archives and Records Administration](#) offers resources and guidance to agencies to ensure proper records management.

DOI and bureaus will need to work with the Records Management Officers to determine the best way to capture and retain social media records, and the proper records maintenance schedules and dispositions for content posted on third-party websites. See the Digital Media Guide for additional information regarding social media records.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130, "Management of Federal Information Resources,"](#) (see section 8a4); [Implications of Recent Web Technologies for NARA Web Guidance](#)

Information Quality

The public places a high degree of trust in government content and considers it an authoritative source. Under the Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services, agencies are required to maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information and services provided to the public. With regard to social media information-dissemination products, agencies must reasonably ensure suitable information and service quality consistent with the level of importance of the information. Reasonable steps include: (1) clearly identifying the benefits and limitations inherent in the information dissemination product (e.g., possibility of errors, degree of reliability, and validity), and (2) taking reasonable steps to remove the limitations inherent in the product or information produced. Agency management must ensure that the agency position is reflected in all communications rather than one person's opinion.

DOI and bureaus should include a disclaimer when posting content on third-party websites that explains that DOI is only responsible for quality of the information posted by the official DOI account and not for the quality of the information posted by other users.

Resource: [M-17-06: Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services Section 11](#)

Availability to Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Executive Order 13166 requires that agencies provide appropriate access to persons with limited English proficiency. The scope of this requirement encompasses all "Federally conducted programs and activities," including using social media technologies to communicate and collaborate with citizens. Under this Executive Order, agencies must determine how much information they need to provide in other languages based on an assessment of customer needs. The requirements for social media implementations are no different than those for other electronic formats.

DOI and the bureaus are responsible for satisfying all policy requirements related to content that they provide to a third-party site; however, they cannot control and are thus not responsible for other content on that site, including section headings, log-in screens, or other components of the site.

Resources: [Commonly Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Executive Order 13166](#); [Executive Order 13166](#)

Availability of Information to Persons Without Internet Access

Agencies are required to provide members of the public who do not have internet connectivity with timely and equitable access to information, for example, by providing hard copies of reports and forms upon request.

Resources: [OMB Circular A-130 \(See 5\(e\)\(2\)\(f\)\)](#)

Usability of Data

Many social media technologies allow users to take data from one website and combine it with data from another, commonly referred to as "mashups." Agency public websites are required, to the extent practicable and necessary to achieve intended purposes, to provide all data in an open, industry standard format that permits users to aggregate, disaggregate, or otherwise manipulate and analyze the data to meet their needs. Agencies need to ensure that these open industry standard formats are followed to maximize the utility of their data.

Resource: [OMB Memo M-05-04](#)

Intellectual Property

DOI and the bureaus must comply with Copyright Law of the United States of America and Related Laws Contained in Title 17 of the United States Code and other Federal policies and directives when posting images, text, video, audio files in blogs or on third party social media websites.

Generally, U.S. Government works are not protected by intellectual property law. However, the absence of intellectual property protections does not mean that all Government works are considered Public Domain and public dissemination may be restricted by other authorities. In addition, where an employee generates a joint work

with outside entities pursuant to a contract or other agreement, the outside entity may have intellectual property rights to the final product as governed by the agreement. Employees should be careful about the nature of the work before posting to social media.

Resources: [Cendi](#), [Copyright.gov](#), [U.S. Trademark Law Privacy](#)

Federal public websites and digital services are required to comply with all relevant Federal laws and policies, including the Privacy Act of 1974, E-Government Act of 2002, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy. Agencies must provide privacy policies on websites, mobile applications and digital services, implement privacy controls to protect individual privacy, and post a privacy notice or "Privacy Act Statement" when personally identifiable information is collected that describes the legal authority for the collection, the purpose, and how the data will be used and shared. Privacy policies must be written in plain language and in a standardized machine readable format, and address the nature, purpose, use and sharing of information collected from individuals through websites or digital services.

Individuals may provide PII to DOI when communicating, posting, blogging, linking, submitting, or other comparable functions. Employees must take care to limit any collection of PII to that which is authorized and necessary for the performance of official duties in support of the DOI mission. Privacy notice should be provided at the point of collection or prominently displayed on pages where PII may be made available so individuals have an opportunity to read the notice and make informed choices about what information they wish to provide or how they want to interact with the agency. The provision of information should be voluntary in accordance with Federal law and DOI privacy policy, and alternatives should be provided where possible for individuals seeking information or assistance who do not want to provide PII.

The Department of the Interior requires a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) be conducted for all systems, applications, mobile applications, information collections from the public, and official uses of social media applications to identify, evaluate and analyze potential privacy risks associated with their use. PIAs are a useful tool that allows the Department to identify, analyze, and mitigate privacy risks associated with the use of information technology. See the [DOI PIA Guide](#) for detailed guidance on conducting PIAs.

The collection of IP addresses, browser information, cookies, and similar data for server log files and website analytics used internally for site management purposes or summary statistics must be in accordance with OMB M-10-22 and DOI policy. The use of these technologies may improve navigation and customer experience, however, bureaus and offices must take appropriate steps to assess the privacy implications for that use, implement controls or procedures to protect privacy, provide clear notice of the bureau/office practices, and obtain approval as appropriate consistent with Departmental policy.

It is DOI's responsibility to protect personally identifiable information on internal websites and through its actions on third party social media sites. For instance, DOI may not disclose PII or any other information on a third party social media site that it is prohibited from disclosing on its own website. The Privacy Act of 1974 (as amended) applies to Federal government activities conducted on social media platforms, and individuals should consult [DOI privacy officials](#) for guidance on privacy protection requirements.

Employees are required to immediately report any potential compromise of PII, in any medium or format, to their supervisor and helpdesk, or to DOICIRC@ios.doi.gov. Timely reporting and response allows the agency to take immediate steps to mitigate any harm resulting from the compromise.

Resource: [Privacy Act of 1974](#), [E-Government Act of 2002](#), [OMB Memorandum M-10-22, Guidance for Online Use of Web Measurement and Customization Technologies](#), [OMB Memorandum M-17-06, Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services](#), [DOI Privacy Program Information Collection & Paperwork Reduction Act](#)

Agencies are required, when possible, to use electronic forms and filing to conduct official business with the public, and social computing technologies can be used in many cases to meet this need. Federal public websites must ensure that information collected from the public minimizes burden and maximizes public utility. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) covers the collection of data from the public. The PRA requires OMB approval of all surveys given to ten (10) or more participants. This includes any sort of survey in which identical questions are given to ten (10) or more participants, regardless of the format. The exception to the survey rule is an anonymous submission form where users can provide open-ended comments or suggestions without any sort of Government guidance on the content. Questions about the applicability of the PRA should be directed to the DOI or bureau privacy officers or the Office of the Solicitor. See Privacy, above.

Resources: [Paperwork Reduction Act](#), [DOI Office of the Solicitor](#); [OMB Memorandum, "Social Media, Web-Based Interactive Technologies, and the Paperwork Reduction Act Freedom of Information Act \(FOIA\)](#)

Government-sourced content posted via third-party social media sites or on public Government Web servers becomes part of the public domain upon posting. With limited exceptions, such content is therefore not exempt from FOIA requests.

Resource: FOIA
Security

Social media services and applications communicating official DOI information require a detailed assessment and subsequent authorization by the Office of the

Chief Information Officer prior to use. The data to be hosted by the social media service must be assessed and categorized to determine the impact to DOI in the event of a compromise of Confidentiality, Integrity and/or Availability. Appropriate security controls, as defined in the DOI IT Security Control Standards, must be implemented based on the categorization of the data.

Ethics

When writing for, posting or participating on social media, you are either acting in your *Official* capacity as a DOI employee (and may reference your official title or position) OR you are acting in your *Personal* capacity (and may only include your title or position as one of several biographical details when such information is given to identify you, provided that it is not given more prominence than other significant biographical details).

Typically, an activity is undertaken in Official Capacity when it is consistent with statutory authority and Agency or office mission and assigned duties. When working in your official capacity, you can use DOI time and resources, including DOI email address, DOI phone number, DOI equipment and property and, if applicable, subordinates. Official social media accounts must be approved through approval process.

Due to the nature of social media, there may be times when your personal social media use could be interpreted as official use. It's important at those times that you understand how you use your personal social media when sharing/discussing public information related to your organization. In particular there are specific rules around the use of personal social media with regards to political activity.

To participate in your personal capacity, do not use your DOI email address or contact information. As stated above, you may include your DOI position or title as one of several biographical details with DOI not having any undue prominence. You should be clear you are expressing an individual personal opinion, not speaking on behalf of the Agency. While the agency does have a limited personal use policy that allows some personal use of DOI equipment such as computers, if expressing a personal opinion publicly on a subject, it is safest to avoid the use of DOI equipment and while in a federal building.

All Government-wide and Department of the Interior's standards and codes of ethical behavior for employees apply to employees' use of social networking and social media tools for both official and personal use including:

- [Hatch Act: FAQs on Federal Employees and the Use of Social Media and Email](#)
- [Standards of Conduct as Applied to Personal Social Media Use](#)
- [Limited Use of Government Equipment for Personal Purposes](#)
- [Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch](#)
- [Non-Official Expression](#)

Disclaimer

DOI and bureaus are responsible for satisfying all policy requirements related to content that they provide to a third-party site; however, because they cannot control and are thus not responsible for other content on that site, they should determine whether or not DOI's presence on the site reflects favorably upon the Department and does not diminish its reputation or integrity.

DOI and bureaus should note that they are not responsible for, nor can they control other content on the site on the part of the site which the bureau does control, as well as on its website.

Office of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior

By: XXXX, [Date]

Agreement for Official Use of Social Media

Before you can be given access to post to an official Interior social media account, you must agree to the following:

Since you are representing the U.S. government on our social channels it is important that you follow all ethics rules and the Hatch Act. By signing this agreement you confirm you uphold the Executive Branch Standards of Conduct Rules; you will stay free of conflicts of interest and follow the Hatch Act when engaging in partisan political activity. Moreover, if you have any questions before you act, you agree to contact your ethics official for advice.

Follow Security Protocol

To meet Department password security requirements, please create strong passwords for your account, using a passphrase, and a mix of uppercase, lowercase, numbers and symbols. Some social media services display password "strength" meters when choosing new passwords. Choose passwords that meet the highest standard. When applicable, do not share passwords. Read and follow DOI security information.

Comply with Account Maintenance

You must help ensure members given access to our social media accounts are up-to-date and removed when they no longer need access. By carefully managing third-party applications and removing posting access, or logging out from the account whenever you change the password, Interior can keep our accounts more secure.

I agree to these terms for access to an official social media account.

(Employee signature and date)

(Supervisor signature and date)

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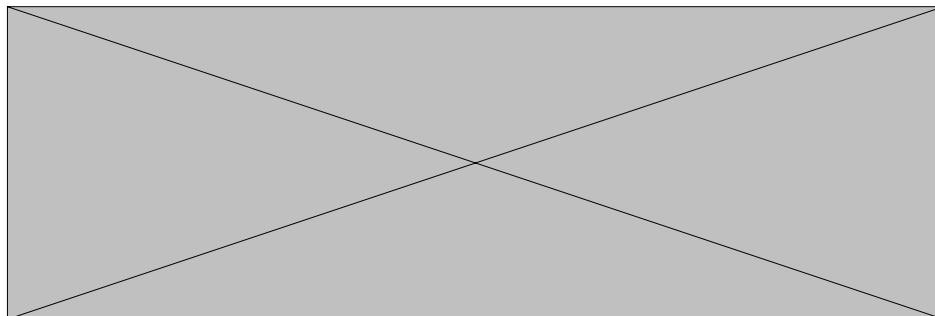
"The review was initiated by President Trump..."

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Senior Advisor
US Department of the Interior

NOTE: Every email I send or receive is subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 11:15 AM, Rigas, Laura <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi all -- here is an EMBARGOED copy of the release which will be issued at 1pm, plus attached talking points for internal purposes. There will be a link to the Executive Summary in the release but we have pasted it below. Thanks!



EMBARGOED UNTIL 1PM ET

Date: August 24, 2017
Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Secretary Zinke Sends Monument Report to the White House

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke sent a draft report to the president which included his findings and recommendations on national monuments that were under review as a result of the April 26, 2017 [executive order](#). The report summary can be read ****here****. The extensive 120-day review included more than 60 meetings with

hundreds of advocates and opponents of monument designations, tours of monuments conducted over air, foot, car, and horseback (including a virtual tour of a marine monument), and a thorough review of more than 2.4 million public comments submitted to the Department on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Additionally, countless more meetings and conversations between senior Interior officials and local, state, Tribal, and non-government stakeholders including multiple Tribal listening sessions.

The review was implemented by President Trump in order to restore trust in the multiple-use mission of the Department and to give rural communities a voice in federal land management decisions. In order to make the process transparent and give local residents and stakeholders a voice, the Secretary [announced](#) on May 5, 2017 the opening up of a formal comment period for the review, as the President directed. This was the first time ever that a formal comment period was open on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) for national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act.

“No President should use the authority under the Antiquities Act to restrict public access, prevent hunting and fishing, burden private land, or eliminate traditional land uses, unless such action is needed to protect the object,” **said Secretary Zinke.** “The recommendations I sent to the president on national monuments will maintain federal ownership of all federal land and protect the land under federal environmental regulations, and also provide a much needed change for the local communities who border and rely on these lands for hunting and fishing, economic development, traditional uses, and recreation.”

While traveling across the country, Secretary Zinke met with hundreds of local stakeholders and heard concerns about some national monuments negatively impacting things like local revenue from federal lands, agriculture, private property rights, public access to land, traditional Tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting.

Over the 120-day review, Secretary Zinke visited eight national monument sites in six states:

- Bears Ears (UT)
- Grand Staircase Escalante (UT)
- Katahdin Woods and Waters (ME)
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
- Cascade Siskiyou (OR & CA)
- Organ Peaks (NM)
- Basin and Range (NV)
- Gold Butte (NV)

The following national monuments were announced to have been removed from review prior to the August 24 deadline:

- [Craters of the Moon](#)
- [Hanford Reach](#)
- [Upper Missouri River Breaks](#)
- [Grand Canyon-Parashant](#)
- [Canyons of the Ancients](#)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BY U.S. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR RYAN ZINKE

In 1906, Congress delegated to the President the power to designate a monument under the Antiquities Act (Act). The Act authorizes the President singular authority to designate national monuments without public comment, environmental review, or further consent of Congress. Given this extraordinary executive power, Congress wisely placed limits on the President by defining the objects that may be included within a monument as being “historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest,” by restricting the authority to Federal lands, and by limiting the size of the monument to “the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects.” Congress retained its authority to make land use designations without such limitations. Even with the restrictive language, use of the Act has not always been without controversy. In fact, even Theodore Roosevelt's first proclamation of the roughly 1,200 acre Devil's Tower in Wyoming was controversial. Since that time, the use of the Act has largely been viewed as an overwhelming American success story and today includes almost 200 of America's greatest treasures.

More recently, however, the Act's executive authority is under scrutiny as administrations have expanded both the size and scope of monument designations. Since 1996 alone, the Act has been used by the President 26 times to create monuments that are over 100,000 acres or more in size and have included private property within the identified external boundaries. While early monument designations focused more on geological formations, archaeological ruins, and areas of historical interest, a more recent and broad interpretation of what constitutes an “object of historic or scientific interest” has been extended to include landscape areas, biodiversity, and view sheds. Moreover, features such as World War II desert bombing craters and remoteness have been included in justifying proclamations.

The responsibility of protecting America's public lands and unique antiquities should not be taken lightly; nor should the authority and the power granted to a President under the Act. No President should use the authority under the Act to restrict public access, prevent hunting and fishing, burden private land, or eliminate traditional land uses, unless such action is needed to protect the object. It is Congress and not the President that has the authority to make protective land designations outside of the narrow scope of the Act, and only Congress retains the authority to enact designations such as national parks, wilderness, and national conservation and recreation areas. The executive power under the Act is not a substitute for a lack of congressional action on protective land designations.

President Trump was correct in tasking the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to review and provide recommendations of all monuments that were designated from 1996 to the present that are 100,000 acres or greater in size or made without adequate public consultation. This is far from the first time an examination of scope of monuments has been conducted. Existing monuments have been modified by successive Presidents in the past, including 18 reductions in the size of monuments, and there is no doubt that President Trump has the authority to review and consider recommendations to modify or add a monument.

The methodology used for the review consisted of three steps. The first step was to gather the facts which included the examination of existing proclamations, object(s) to be protected, segregation of the objects (if practical) to meet the "smallest area compatible" requirement, the scientific and rational basis for the boundaries, land uses within the monument, public access concerns and authorized traditional uses, and appropriate environmental and cultural protections. As directed by the President, the second step was to ensure that the local voice was heard by holding meetings with local, state, tribal, and other elected officials as well as meetings with non-profit groups and other stakeholders, as well as providing an online format for public comment. The final step was to review policies on public access, hunting and fishing rights, traditional use such as timber production and grazing, economic and environmental impacts, potential legal conflicts, and provide a report to the President no later than August 24, 2017.

The review found that each monument was unique in terms of the object(s) used for justification, proclamation language, history, management plans, economic impact, and local support. Adherence to the Act's definition of an "object" and "smallest area compatible" clause on some monuments were either arbitrary or likely politically motivated or boundaries could not be supported by science or reasons of practical resource management. Despite the apparent lack of adherence to the purpose of the Act, some monuments reflect a long public debate process and are largely settled and strongly supported by the local community. Other monuments remain controversial and contain significant private property within the identified external boundary or overlap with other Federal land designations such as national forests, Wilderness Study Areas, and lands specifically set aside by Congress for timber production.

Public comments can be divided into two principal groups. Proponents tended to promote monument designation as a mechanism to prevent the sale or transfer of public land. This narrative is false and has no basis in fact. Public lands within a monument are federally owned and managed regardless of monument designation under the Act. Proponents also point to the economic benefits from increased tourism from monument recognition. On this point, monument status has a potential economic benefit of increased visitation, particularly to service related industries, outdoor recreation industries, and other businesses dependent or supported by tourism. Increased visitation also places an additional burden and responsibility on the Federal Government to provide additional resources and manpower to maintain these

lands to better support increased visitation and recreational activities.

Comments received were overwhelmingly in favor of maintaining existing monuments and demonstrated a well-orchestrated national campaign organized by multiple organizations. Opponents of monuments primarily supported rescinding or modifying the existing monuments to protect traditional multiple use, and those most concerned were often local residents associated with industries such as grazing, timber production, mining, hunting and fishing, and motorized recreation. Opponents point to other cases where monument designation has resulted in reduced public access, road closures, hunting and fishing restrictions, multiple and confusing management plans, reduced grazing allotments and timber production, and pressure applied to private land owners encompassed by or adjacent to a monument to sell.

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Two ideas - no particular priority order - and they lend themselves to be an addition to others provided above.

Focus Efforts to get Leadership into Operating Agencies

With respect, while focusing on A/S and DAS positions may seem a good strategy from an organizational standpoint (policy review, development, chain of command) everyday *half the people* in the Department in BLM, FWS, NPS are make small decisions - literally - on-the-ground decisions that affect our agenda and continue to implement the previous administration's directives. Until the operating bureaus have their new leadership teams in place, not only does this slow tempo make the job more difficult, it affirms the "resist" efforts and we lose opportunities: opportunities to identify and reverse "embedded" politicals in career positions in their first year, opportunities to change the message, opportunities to move toward "ecosystem management," and opportunities to reverse direction overall. At the present rate PAS positions will not be confirmed until October/November. The deputy secretary position is a senate-controlled issue; the nominations at the WH are not.

Gain WH Support for Infrastructure projects that may not be 'big-dollar winners' but will have great impact with the public("second-level" projects)

The present focus on huge public/private projects will take time and some may not even be ready to start for 2020 (ideas that lack compliance). A strategic, targeted strategy on key projects (some likely in agency pipelines) in areas supported by and visible to the public can be brought on line on a parallel track with completion of many prior to the next election. Focus infrastructure efforts on the bureaus that are the face of the Department - establish a task force of career people from the operating bureaus - supervised by political leadership and involvement - to identify specific infrastructure projects in the operating bureaus that do not meet the high-dollar threshold of the WH present focus, but are listed as being within "12 months" of being ready to go to contract. Back that with the next level of "18 months" and "24 months" that need support to either move more quickly or where supporting services should focus (design/engineering, NEPA/Cultural compliance, contracting, etc). Have WH support for these parallel projects that can have wide public impact in

parks, refuges, public lands and have identity as part of the President's infrastructure agenda (and take down those ARRA signs!). Construction projects in refuges, parks, public lands will be seen by the urban voters who visit and are in the areas the President needs to retain in 2020.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Dave

On Sun, Jul 2, 2017 at 10:16 PM, Johnson, Virginia <virginia_johnson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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David

I've made a few edits to highlight the distinction between the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands and the larger Pacific Islands as a whole.

DOI's Office of Insular Affairs holds a unique position, as administrator of significant U.S. funds to these areas and combining responsibilities for territories and freely associated states in the western Pacific and the only U.S. territory in the South Pacific - American Samoa.

There will be nuances to U.S. national interests when considering the western Pacific (Guam, CNMI and the three FAS) and the south Pacific (American Samoa) that are lost if the focus is on the larger Pacific region or not inclusive of the territories.

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Hi all,

Please find attached a draft background paper on DOI responsibilities related to China, including scientific and technical cooperation, and insular affairs.

Best,
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Much appreciated!
Love keepin' up through Facebook.

Thank you,

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On Aug 29, 2017 9:48 AM, "Domenech, Douglas" <douglas_domenech@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Neighbors!
That is a low blow.

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On Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 2:36 PM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

E&E News: Grijalva bashes review as Zinke neighbors post signs
Jennifer Yachnin
August 23, 2017

House Natural Resources Committee ranking member Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.) yesterday slammed the Trump administration's ongoing assessment of dozens of national monuments as an "obvious sham," asserting the 3 ½-month review is geared toward opening public lands to energy extraction.

In a 29-page report published yesterday by the Natural Resources Committee's Democratic lawmakers, Grijalva disputed the Trump administration's criticism that past monument designations have lacked "adequate public outreach."

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is set to submit a final report on his review of 27 national monuments tomorrow, all of which have been created since 1996 and all but one of which are larger than 100,000 acres. He has previously announced a half dozen of them will undergo no boundary changes.

But Grijalva, who has been a vocal critic of the review process since President Trump ordered the evaluation in late April, asserted yesterday that its purported focus on public input "is a diversion meant to obscure the review's true aim."

"While the administration has claimed a deep desire to know what the American public thinks about our national monuments as the motivation for its review, there is ample evidence that the real purpose is to satisfy the apparently boundless demand for access to drill and mine on all public lands," Grijalva wrote.

The report goes on to accuse Interior of using a "black box process" for its review, pointing to media reports detailing "the selective meetings he has chosen to take and the brevity of those meetings."

"A review process supposedly intended to include and educate the American public that includes selective, secretive meetings and hides the results of public comments is an obvious sham," Grijalva wrote.

During the review, Zinke has visited eight of the 27 monuments. He has publicly acknowledged the process is not a "deep dive" into each of the sites (E&E News PM, June 22).

An Interior Department spokeswoman dismissed Grijalva's report as a "wild departure from reality" and "campaign literature paid for [by] extreme environmentalists."

"In addition to missing the mark on the point of the monument review — to give local communities a say — the congressman's report also fails to take into account the more than 60 meetings the secretary conducted on the ground with hundreds of local, state, tribal and nongovernmental stakeholders including environmental groups and Democratic members of Congress and state officials," said Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift.

Swift offered a list of meetings and phone calls with various officials, including Maine Sen. Angus King (I) and Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden (D) and Jeff Merkley and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) as well as meeting with Nevada Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto.

"Additionally, the congressman's claim that the review is driven by oil and gas exploration is laughable at best," Swift added. "The review, as was outlined in the executive order and the secretary's repeated statements and interviews on the subject, is about restoring trust and giving rural communities a voice in land management decisions. Locals are concerned about losses in revenue, agriculture, hunting and fishing, private property rights, public access to land, traditional tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting."

Zinke has previously defended his tours of monuments in Utah and Nevada, arguing that he "shook hands with all sides."

"I've toured millions of acres on foot, rode horses, flew over it multiple times. I've done that all in a few days. I have certainly fulfilled my duty and my mission," Zinke said of his visit to the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments in Utah earlier this year (Greenwire, May 11).

Neighbors' yard signs

The Environment America Research and Policy Center has launched its own last-minute campaign to persuade Zinke against shrinking national monuments — but instead of the usual radio or television advertisements, the green group is targeting Zinke via his neighbors on Capitol Hill.

The group has distributed more than 130 yard signs in the Washington neighborhood where Zinke lives. The signs say, "We Love Our Public Lands! Secretary Zinke: Leave Our National Monuments Alone."

"Americans love hiking, camping and fishing in our national monuments and parks, and we want Secretary Zinke to keep our public lands safe from mining and drilling," said EARPC Conservation Outreach Director Christy Leavitt, who lives in the neighborhood.

She added: "We are his neighbors here on Capitol Hill, and what matters most is whether he is going to be a good neighbor and steward to these treasured lands across the country."

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BY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR GENERAL MCMASTER
AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL GARY COHN
ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S UPCOMING VISIT TO
POLAND AND GERMANY

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AIDE: Hi. Just want to restate the ground rules. Today's briefing is off camera, on the record, and the audio is not for broadcast. It is embargoed until the end of the briefing.

And with that, I will turn the podium over to

Q Can you make this on can you make the audio available? Because it puts radio at a disadvantage.

AIDE: It is off camera, not for broadcast. Those are the ground rules.

And now I'm going to turn it over to General H.R. McMaster and Gary Cohn. Thank you.

GENERAL MCMASTER: Good afternoon, everybody. Next Wednesday, President Trump will depart on the second foreign trip of his administration. He will travel first to Warsaw, Poland to meet that country's leaders and speak to the Polish people. He will continue on to Hamburg, Germany for the G20 and for meetings with many world leaders.

While this trip is short, the agenda is packed. I'll run through the objectives and the schedule, and then turn it over to Gary, who will walk you through the President's agenda for the G20.

First of all, the primary objectives are three: To promote American prosperity, to protect American interests, and to provide American leadership. These three objectives tie together every engagement President Trump has with foreign leaders, whether here in the White House, as you saw with the strengthening of our strategic partnership with India during Prime Minister Modi's visit on Monday and we'll see tonight and tomorrow with the strengthening of our alliance with South Korea during President Moon's visit.

Additional objectives for the trip include, first, to strengthen American alliances. America First, as Gary and I have stressed in the past, does not mean America alone. President Trump has demonstrated a commitment to American alliances because strong alliances further American security and American interests.

While there are no official NATO meetings on this trip, the President will meet with many NATO leaders, and he will reiterate both America's commitment to NATO's common defense and his expectation that all countries share responsibilities and burdens for that defense. We've seen countries strengthen their defense budgets in response to the President's call. When we all do more, our alliance becomes stronger and our countries are all more secure.

Second is to reassert who we are. Traveling to Europe, especially to Central Europe, which had its identity forcibly submerged for so long, is a great way to demonstrate what binds us together not just as an alliance, but as people. America has been influenced by many nations, but we share Europe's commitment to liberty and rule of law in particular.

Third is to continue to forge a common understanding of threats. We saw the President make great progress in Saudi Arabia on denying terrorists safe havens, cutting off their funding, and discrediting their perverted ideology. He'll continue to build on that work while also addressing other threats, including attempts by revisionist powers to subvert the global order that undergirds our common security and economic prosperity.

The fourth is to develop a common approach to Russia. As the President has made clear, he'd like the United States and the entire West to develop a more constructive relationship with Russia. But he's also made clear that we will do what is necessary to confront Russia's destabilizing behavior.

Fifth is to expand economic opportunity for Americans. Did I skip I think I skipped no, okay. Again, I'll let Gary cover most of this, but from a foreign policy perspective the President's goal will be to make clear, even to our allies, that America cannot tolerate unfair trade and economic practices that disadvantage our workers and our industries. We're prepared to act where necessary, but we hope to resolve our differences in ways that benefit all sides and are based on really a drive toward reciprocal trade and economic relationships.

The sixth is energy. We want to create robust, open and fair markets that drive economic growth and leave no countries hostage to energy market manipulation. We are committed to the energy security of our allies and partners, and to the diversification of energy sources, supplies and routes. The President's America First energy plan will help us achieve all of these objectives.

The seventh is environment and climate, which Gary will cover as well.

Now, just a brief look at the schedule. In Poland, the President will meet with President Duda, the leader of a staunch NATO ally and of a nation that remains one of America's closest friends. He will speak to 12 Central European, Baltic, and Western Balkan leaders at the Three Seas Conference. His remarks will focus on infrastructure development and energy security, highlighting, for instance, the first shipments of American LNG into Poland earlier this month. He will also meet with Croatian President Grabar Kitarović who is the co host of the Three Seas Conference.

Then he will give a major speech to the Polish people at Krasiński Square, epicenter of the 1944 Warsaw uprising against the brutal Nazi occupation. He will praise Polish courage throughout history's darkest hour, and celebrate Poland's emergence as a European Power. And he will call on all nations to take inspiration from the spirit of the Poles as we confront today's challenges. He will lay out a vision, not only for America's future relationship with Europe, but the future of our transatlantic alliance and what that means for American security and American prosperity.

I'll let Gary cover the details of the G20. I'll just note that while in Hamburg, the President will meet with many world leaders, including Chancellor Merkel of Germany, the host of the G20, Prime Minister May of the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Abe of Japan, President Moon of South Korea, President Xi of China, President Putin of Russia, President Peña Nieto of Mexico, President Jokowi of Indonesia, and Prime Minister Lee of Singapore, among others.

With that, I'll turn it over to Gary.

MR.COHN: Thank you. Thank you, H.R.

Let me go through the G20 quickly, because there's a lot of overlap with what H.R. just talked about. I won't go through the individual meetings but I'll touch on the major broad themes here.

The President's primary objectives of these meetings is to work with our partners to jumpstart the world economy. Economic growth around the world has been far too weak for far too long. It's important that leading economies of the G7 take steps in their own countries to strengthen economic growth, but also to work together to address economic challenges that cross all of our borders.

Here at home, the President has embarked on a strong pro growth agenda featuring deregulation, tax reform, and infrastructure investment. On the trip, he will support G20 countries continuing to proactively use all the tools at their disposal monetary, fiscal, and structural to strengthen growth in their countries. Importantly, the G20 also needs to do more to address global imbalances, especially from overcapacity in industrial sectors.

Which brings me to trade, and I'll repeat something H.R. said: On trade, no less than on alliances, America First does not mean America alone. The goal of U.S. trade policy is to expand trade in a way that are free and fair. Insisting on fair trade is the best way to ensure the long term strength of the international trading system. We look forward to engaging in free and fair trade with the G20 economies. The United States stands firm against all unfair trading practices, including massive distortions in the global steel market and other non market practices that harm U.S. workers. We ask the G20 economies to join us in this effort and to take concrete actions to solve these problems. But let us be clear: We will act to ensure a level playing field for all.

On energy, the President remains committed to working with world leaders and private sectors on sound environmental policies and on innovative technologies. We have been mindful of the fact that, while renewables have a role to play, we cannot achieve the growth or anti poverty agenda we want without strong contributions from clean fossil fuel technologies which, in the United States, is a global leader.

On climate, the President looks forward to discussing his decision to leave the Paris Agreement with the other G20 leaders. He'll make clear that he has decided to leave the agreement because it was a bad

deal for the United States, but that he is open to reengaging in the agreement or a new agreement if it makes sense for the American people.

Another focus of the G20 will be famine and other global crises. We are focused on the crisis in South Sudan, Nigeria, Yemen, and Somalia, and recently announced that the United States would provide more than \$329 million in additional humanitarian assistance in this crisis bringing the total U.S. humanitarian assistance here to nearly \$1.2 billion in fiscal year 2017. The United States is one of the largest donors of humanitarian assistance here. The assistance we provide represents the best of Americans' generosity and goodwill. It will also improve our national security by helping to stabilize insecure regions while building strong relations with nations and people around the world.

Finally, the United States is pleased that the G20 will have a focus on women's economic empowerment. We believe that gender equality and women's empowerment is vital in today's labor market. We are advocating for more equality and equal access to the workplace, financial services, and the labor market with quality employment for women and men all throughout the world.

With that, General H.R. McMaster and myself are happy to take your questions.

Well, that was quick. (Laughter.)

Q Hey, Gary. A couple of questions for both of you. One on Russia and one on climate. Can you talk about the meeting with President Putin? What are the President's objectives in that meeting? And will he bring up Russia's interference in the 2016 election? Either of you.

GENERAL MCMASTER: Well, there's no specific agenda. It's really going to be whatever the President wants to talk about. And that's and he will talk with many other leaders during the conference as well.

Q And does he want to talk about election interference? Is that something he plans to bring up?

MR. COHN: We don't have an agenda set up for these meetings right now. As you know, these meetings are a week away. We're still finalizing schedules. So agendas for meetings have not been set up at this point.

Q Just on climate, I want to get you on that. Because Angela Merkel is now saying that she is not going to overlook tensions with the

U.S. when it comes to the Paris Agreement. You noted just now, and the President has noted, he wants to renegotiate this Paris climate deal. In what concrete ways does he expect to do that, given what it took to get the deal in the first place?

MR. COHN: Well, look the President has been very clear on climate and on Paris. He cares very much about the climate. He cares about the environment. But he has to enter into a deal that's fair for the American people, the American workers. He's done everything he's done based on job creation, economic growth in the United States.

Q Then what will he ask for?

MR. COHN: He's going to ask for a fair and level playing field. We cannot be in a position where the United States is cutting and cutting emissions while other countries continue to grow until 2030. That doesn't seem like it's a fair and level playing field. We want a level playing field, just like everything else. We're looking for fairness across the board in the agreement.

Q Can I ask you about the Russia meeting a little bit, to follow up on that? Do you see that as a full fledged meeting, as a bilateral, like we've been reading that the President wants? Or is it just a pull aside? What's the format of the meeting?

MR. COHN: Well, look, in the G20 meetings as a whole, the world leaders are gathered. We will have pull asides, we'll have bilaterals. As I said, the schedule is being formalized right now. We would imagine that the countries that H.R. talked about, we would be planning on bilateral meetings. But they're during the G20 meetings. So these are not long, long meetings. These are bilateral pull asides during the G20.

Q I want to follow up. Gary, in that sense because Merkel, May, Abe, Moon they all fall into a category where the President has had meetings with them before. I would assume you would have a formal agenda. Putin is different from that. Is the Putin one going to be a separate bilateral 10, 20, 30 minutes not just something that is a chance encounter in the context of the G20? That's what we're trying to drive at, that it doesn't fit into this other category. You have to

GENERAL MCMASTER: Indonesia is in that.

MR. COHN: Indonesia is in it. Singapore is in there. There's countries at the G20 that, yes, we have met with before, some we'll meet with tonight for the first time, and there's other that we will have a second or third meeting with, and they're the countries that are

important to us because of economic relationship, military relationship, a lot of different reasons for us having meetings with them. There will be a more formal schedule as we get closer. But I think you should assume that most of these countries we're going to have sort of bilateral meetings set up in advance probably not a formal agenda of what's on the schedule, but a formal agenda of what time these meetings will happen in a bilateral situation.

Q for Russia, as well?

MR. COHN: Yes, yes.

Q So the President has laid out to NATO countries some of the things they need to do vis à vis meeting their 2 percent GDP investment in defense. Does he have a similar set of things to ask Moscow, to ask Putin to say, we need to see you do these trust building measures before we can normalize relations?

GENERAL MCMASTER: Well, our relationship with Russia is not different from any other country in terms of us communicating to them, really, what our concerns are, where we see problems in the relationship, but also opportunities. Secretary Tillerson, obviously as he does with all countries in the world, has the lead for that and has been engaged in a broad, wide ranging discussion about irritants, problems in the relationship, but also to explore opportunities where we can work together in areas of common interest.

So it won't be different from our discussions with any other country, really.

Q Given the assaults on press freedom by the ruling party in Poland, the Law and Justice Party, is the President concerned about assaults on a free press, and former communist countries backsliding as it were? And do you think that making this the first making Warsaw the first stop on the President's trip to Europe might send the wrong message, that he endorses such assaults on a free press?

GENERAL MCMASTER: I don't think there's a danger of that at all. I think Poland is a clear choice for a number of reasons. First of all, it's one of our staunchest allies. It is a NATO ally that will meet and exceed its pledge to go over 2 percent from the Wales conference. It is in many ways a front line NATO nation in connection with threats on the Eastern flank. It is a country that has partnered with us and had been a great ally during combat missions in Afghanistan and in Iraq, as well. And so this will be the President will emphasize themes about the past, what Poland has gone through as a nation, what they've achieved to fight to be part of Europe. He'll talk about what Poland is

doing now and how our relationship can be strengthened in that context.

But what he's really going to talk about I think is also the future the future of America's relationship with Poland, with Europe, the importance of transatlantic relationships generally. In the economic context, what Gary has talked about, which is free and fair trade, access to energy.

And so there are a lot of important things for us to emphasize in connection with the future of our relationship with Poland and with Europe.

Q Does any of that have to do with attacks on free press and free expression in Poland?

MR. COHN: So let me just answer the question in G20 terms as well, because it's interesting in the G7 as well as the G20, we go through these arduous communiqué writings. And we as Americans have fought very vigorously to protect intellectual property rights and to protect freedom of speech in Internet. And we'll continue to do that. We'll continue to defend that. We did it in the G7 communiqué; we're going to do it in the G20 communiqué.

So that's just where we stand.

You back the young lady. Yeah, you.

Q Thank you.

MR. COHN: No, behind you. The young lady.

Q I wanted to ask you about this the comments you made about steel. As you know, they were expecting an omnibus trade deficit report by the end of the week, and there's also this ongoing 232 investigation by Commerce and Treasury. That seems to tee you up perfectly for a conversation with China and Japan about trade deficits. Do you plan on releasing that information ahead of the G20 and presenting it there?

And then, secondly, on LNG, if you could just talk about will the President be offering or brokering any additional deals to backstop European needs in that respect to get them independent from Russia and a reliance on Russian energy?

MR. COHN: So I'm not sure when the Commerce Department is going to release their final report on the steel industry and what's been going on there. They have been working on it for quite some period of time, so it's in draft or final drafting forms. They will be delivering it to

the White House at some point.

But the premise of that report will we will use that as an opportunity to talk with many of our trading partners around the world. What's going on in steel I mentioned steel in my remarks specifically, because if you look at the G7 communiqué, there has been consensus among our G7 allies that there is overcapacity and there's dumping in steel. So I think there's uniformed consensus among all of our G7 allies that we do need to deal with the steel problem specifically.

On LNG, what the President is committed to do is the President is committed to have a deregulated environment here in the United States where LNG facilities can get licensed, we can license more pipeline systems so we can be in the business of exporting LNG. It's not the President's job to broker LNG supply contracts. It's the President's job to make sure that the U.S. authorizes facilities to be built in the United States because they need federal approval. And then once those facilities are built, hopefully those facilities enter into long term supply contracts around the world. Because, uniquely, the rest of the world needs something we have, which is our huge supply of LNG.

Eamon, in the back.

Q Thanks, Gary. If you could, could you give us your sense of the state of the relationship between the United States and Germany right now? We've had a couple of smallish flash points recently. We see reports that Chancellor Merkel might be preparing to press the U.S. on Paris. We see this moment where Secretary Ross was cut off in mid speech. How do you see the relationship right now between the United States and Germany?

GENERAL MCMASTER: Okay, the relationship with Germany is as strong as ever. And, of course, there are going to be differences in relations with any country, and we'll talk frankly about those differences. The President enjoys those conversations.

But what we should remember about a relationship with Germany and other allies is that we agree on 95 at least percent of the key issues, and we're cooperating every day on those issues. That cooperation, I think, is stronger than ever, and really our common concerns in security in economic development in our relationships economically.

So I think that to answer your question, the relationship is as strong as ever.

Q Do you see that as a snub of Secretary Ross?

Q Yes. In terms of

MR. COHN: We'll get you next.

GENERAL MCMASTER: We'll get you next. Go ahead, sir.

MR. COHN: Go ahead.

Q So in terms of the North Korean question, what more do you think that the President and this administration can do to pressure China? It seems like you have come to the point where you're realizing that China is not going to do more without more coercion, so what more can you do on that front?

And then a second question, with regards to Russia: Do you feel like the President is taking seriously the question of Russian meddling in the 2016 election? And do you think and what has he done to actually address that issue, which a number of senior U.S. officials have raised as a threat on U.S. democracy?

GENERAL MCMASTER: So, first of all, on North Korea and China's relationship with us and with others and working on the North Korea problem there are really three key things that came out of the Mar a Lago summit that I think are critical for us to build on.

It shouldn't really be about pressuring China, it should be about working with China in our common interests. The first big thing that came out of Mar a Lago was a recognition that a nuclear armed North Korea with long range missile capabilities is a threat not only to the United States, not only to South Korea and Japan, but also to China. And there was clear acknowledgement by both parties, the United States and in China on that.

The second is a recognition that while China's political influence with the regime might be limited, that they have tremendous coercive power in connection with the economic relationship and the trade relationships with North Korea. So China acknowledged that there is a lot that they can do in connection with convincing the North Korean regime that it's in their interest to denuclearize.

And the third is critical is that we agreed on a joint objective of denuclearization of the Peninsula. That's a solid basis to work together on. There's a lot more to be done, however. The President has told all of us he has said that he will not tolerate a North Korean regime that can target the United States, that can reach the United

States with a nuclear weapon. He just won't tolerate it.

So what we have is a commitment to deliver to him a broad range of options and to do our best to work with everyone, including China, on this. So it's not a question of pressuring China. It's a question of working with China to do more about this problem so it doesn't get to everybody wants to avoid.

Q Are we doing enough?

GENERAL MCMASTER: Well, I mean, none of us are doing enough. I don't think China is doing enough now because the problem is not resolved. So the question is, how much more must we do together to address this, short of a military solution. So that's the kind of discussions that we'll continue to have with Chinese leadership as we work together with them not pressuring them but working with them.

On the second point on Russia. The President has asked us to work together across all departments and agencies to do, really, three things: to confront Russia's destabilizing behavior whether it's cyber threats, whether it's political subversion here in Europe and elsewhere in the Balkans now. So confront Russia's destabilizing behavior and to come up with a strategy to do that.

The second is to deter Russia, right? Because the worse thing nobody wants a major power war, right? And so what is it that we have to put in place to be able to deter conflict.

And then the third thing is to foster areas of cooperation. What are the areas that we can identify in which we can work together with Russia, which is clearly in both of our interests? And there are a lot of problems in the world that fall into that category. North Korea, for example, is one of them; the fight against transnational terrorist organizations is another. So the need to deescalate the Syrian civil war, to defeat ISIS there, and to end that humanitarian catastrophe.

And so these are areas of discussion, again being led extremely well by Secretary of State Tillerson, and that will continue to be the focus of our Russia policy and strategy.

Q Okay, thank you, sir. You mentioned that the President will be speaking with the President of Poland. Will he also meet with other leaders of Polish political scene? And this speech in Warsaw is really highly anticipated. So what is the main message the President wants to deliver to the people of Poland?

GENERAL MCMASTER: Yeah, the main message is that America is with

you, America understands that its interests align with the interests of the Polish people, and we are determined to do our best to work together on our common priorities and our common interests.

Across the three areas the three main themes that I mentioned at the beginning which is, first, to protect our security this is Polish security, American security, our common security; to promote prosperity in terms of economic growth and development, and economic growth and development in a way that protects the environment, that advances our interests in the economic energy realm. And the third is to provide American leadership American leadership to help connect Poland broadly, to keep Poland connected to what they fought for for so long, which is to be part of Europe. And for American leadership to be associated with the Polish American relationship, the American European relationship, and transatlantic relations generally.

MR. COHN: And, yes, he's speaking to other Polish leaders. I've got to run to Energy Week. I'm on a panel at 2:00. I can take one last question.

Right there.

Q Thank you, Mr. Cohn.

MR. COHN: You're welcome, sir.

Q Very quickly, is the IMF going to come up at all when the meeting is held? During the IMF World Bank meeting earlier this year there was considerable discussion that there's been nothing said from the administration about the IMF and whether the U.S. would continue the same policy which directly connects us to the bailout in Greece.

MR. COHN: Look, I don't think the IMF directly will come up during the G20. The IMF will be there. They're one of the participants at the G20. That said, I'm having discussions with IMF leadership, and we've got very amicable discussions with IMF going on.

Q Madam Lagarde?

MR. COHN: Yes. Okay, thank you, everyone.

GENERAL MCMASTER: Thanks, everybody.

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Presidential Memorandum for the United States Trade Representative

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby directed as follows:

Section 1. Policy. It is the policy of the United States for our trade relations to enhance our economic growth, contribute favorably to our balance of trade, promote reciprocal treatment of American goods and investment, and strengthen the American manufacturing base.

The United States is a world leader in research and development intensive, high technology goods. Violations of intellectual property rights and other unfair technology transfers potentially threaten United States firms by undermining their ability to compete fairly in the global market. China has implemented laws, policies, and practices and has taken actions related to intellectual property, innovation, and technology that may encourage or require the transfer of American technology and intellectual property to enterprises in China or that may otherwise negatively affect American economic interests. These laws, policies, practices, and actions may inhibit United States exports, deprive United States citizens of fair remuneration for their innovations, divert American jobs to workers in China, contribute to our trade deficit with China, and otherwise undermine American manufacturing, services, and innovation.

Sec. 2. Determination of Whether to Conduct Investigation. The United States Trade Representative shall determine, consistent with section 302(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2412(b)), whether to investigate any of China's laws, policies, practices, or actions that may be unreasonable or discriminatory and that may be harming American intellectual property rights, innovation, or technology development.

Sec. 3. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

- (i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or
- (ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and

Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(d) You are hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 16, 2017

President Donald J. Trump Approves Louisiana Disaster Declaration

Today, President Donald J. Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Louisiana and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Tropical Storm Harvey from August 27 to September 10, 2017.

Federal funding is available to the State and to eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by Tropical Storm Harvey in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, St. Charles, and Vernon.

Federal funding also is available to the State and to eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work in the parishes of Acadia, Assumption, DeSoto, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Lafayette, Plaquemine, Rapides, St. Mary, and Vermillion.

Furthermore, Federal funding is available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named William J. Doran III as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.

Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MEDIA SHOULD CONTACT THE FEMA NEWS DESK AT (202) 646-3272 OR FEMA-NEWS-DESK@FEMA.DHS.GOV.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 12, 2017

President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Personnel to Key Administration Posts

President Donald J. Trump today announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key positions in his Administration:

Alex A. Beehler of Maryland to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Energy, Installations, and Environment. Mr. Beehler currently serves as President of Alex A. Beehler & Co., LLC, an independent environmental and energy consulting services company. He is also a member of the U.S. Department of Interior's Landscape Conservation Cooperative Network Council, and a visiting scholar of the Environment and Energy Management Institute at George Washington University. Previously, Mr. Beehler served as senior advisor at FaegreBD Consulting, and Executive Vice President of Plexus Logistics International. While with the Department of Defense, he served as Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment, and Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense and Principal Deputy to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health. He is a graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and the University of Virginia School of Law.

James E. McPherson of Virginia to be General Counsel, Department of the Army. Mr. McPherson most recently served as the executive director of the National Association of Attorneys General, one of the oldest legal associations in the country, where he leads the professional association of the state, territorial, and District of Columbia Attorneys General. Mr. McPherson previously served as the General Counsel of the Department of Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity. A retired Rear Admiral, Mr. McPherson's final assignment was as the 39th Judge Advocate General of the Navy. He first gained military experience as an enlisted member of the United States Army, later being commissioned as an Ensign in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Mr. McPherson is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He received his master of laws degree from the Judge Advocate General's School of the Army, his juris doctor from the University of San Diego, School of Law, and his bachelors in public administration from San Diego State University.

Preston Rutledge of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration. Mr. Rutledge currently serves as senior tax and benefits counsel on the Majority Tax Staff of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee where his responsibilities include employee benefits, retirement issues, tax-exempt organizations, health tax issues, and the tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining the Finance Committee, Mr. Rutledge served as a senior tax law specialist on the

Headquarters Staff of the Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division of the Internal Revenue Service, and as a senior technical reviewer in the Qualified Pension Plans Branch of the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. During his tenure there, he was the recipient of an Office of Chief Counsel National Award. Mr. Rutledge also served as a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and worked in private law practice as an employee benefits counselor and ERISA litigator. Mr. Rutledge earned a B.S. in business, cum laude, from the University of Idaho; J.D., with high honors, from the George Washington University School of Law, and an L.L.M. – taxation, with distinction, including a certificate in employee benefits law, from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Kathleen Hartnett White of Texas to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality and upon confirmation designate Chair. Mrs. Kathleen Hartnett White currently serves as Distinguished Senior Fellow for energy & the environment at the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF). From 2001 to 2007, she was Chairwoman and Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - the second largest environmental regulatory agency in the world. Mrs. White also served as a Director of the Lower Colorado River Authority, the Texas Water Development Board, the Environmental Flows Advisory Group, the Texas Strategic Economic Development Planning Commission and the Texas Emissions Reduction Advisory Board. A leader and scholar in both environmental and energy matters, Mrs. White is a past recipient of the Texas Water Conservation Association's President's Award and the Colorado River Foundation's friend of the river award. A native of Kansas, Mrs. White earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University, and currently resides with her husband, Beau, in rural Bastrop County, Texas.

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Tuesday, July 25, 2017

10:00am: House Natural Resources Indian, Insular, and Alaska Natives Affairs Subcommittee

Oversight Hearing Assessing Current Conditions and Challenges at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center in American Samoa

Witness: Thomas Bussanich, Director of Budget, Insular Affairs

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

9:45am: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Public Lands, Forests, and Mining Subcommittee

Legislative Hearing on S. 32, California Desert Protection and Recreation Act; S. 90, Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act; S.357, Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act; S.436, San Juan County Settlement Implementation Act; S.467, Mohave County Federal Land Management Act; S.468, Historic Routes Preservation Act; S.614, Recreation and Public Purposes Act Commercial Recreation Concessions Pilot Program Act; S.785, Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act; S.837, Southern Utah Open OHV Areas Act; S.884, Small Miners Waiver Act; S.941, Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act; S.1149, To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to repeal a provision limiting the export of timber harvested from land conveyed to the Kake Tribal Corporation; S.1230, Water Rights Protection Act; S.1271, Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act; and S.1548, Oregon Wildlands Act

Witness: John Ruhs, Acting Deputy Director for Operations, BLM

2:30pm: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Oversight Hearing on the GAO Reports on Human Trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States

Witness: Jason Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Justice Services, BIA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REFERRAL

Date: August 15, 2017

To: Legislative Liaison

From: Josh Mahan (208-6340)

Contact: Joe Nevils (208-4580)

Subject: HRG #49 - INTERIOR (BOR/USGS/OIA/FWS/BOEM/BSEE/BIA)
Questions for the Record from 6/22/17 Hearing
Re: Department of the Interior's Spending Priorities and the President's
Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Request

**These responses pertain to the following Departmental
bureaus: Bureau of Reclamation, USGS, Office of Insular
Affairs, FWS, BOEM, BSEE and Bureau of Indian Affairs.**

**Please send agency comments or respond with a "no comment" to
[Joshua Mahan@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Joshua_Mahan@ios.doi.gov) and [Joseph Nevils@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Joseph_Nevils@ios.doi.gov) by the deadline above.**

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Date: June 30, 2017

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From: Dominic Maione (208-4092)

Contact: Joe Nevils (208-4580)

Subject: HRG #52 - INTERIOR (IACB) Proposed Testimony 7/7/17
Re: Cultural Sovereignty Series: Modernizing the Indian Arts and Crafts Act to Honor Native Identity and Expression

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REFERRAL

Date: July 21, 2017

To: Legislative Liaison

From: Josh Mahan (208-6340)

Contact: Joe Nevils (208-4580)

Subject: S. 1230 - AGRICULTURE Testimony 7/26/17

Re: Water Rights Protection Act of 2017

Please find attached the USDA Forest Service statement on S. 1230, the Water Rights Protection Act for a 7/26 SENR S/C on Public Lands, Forests and Mining hearing. The bill text is attached for your reference.

Provide your clearance/edits/comments by the deadline above.

Please send agency comments or respond with a "no comment" to Joshua Mahan@ios.doi.gov and Joseph Nevils@ios.doi.gov by the deadline above.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Date: September 14, 2017

To: Legislative Liaison

From: Dominic Maione (208-4092)

Contact: Joe Nevils (208-4580)

Subject: H.R. 3668 - OMB Request for Views
Re: SHARE Act

H.R. 3668, the SHARE Act, was ordered reported amended by the HNR on 9/13. By the deadline above, please provide your views on the attached bill.

Please send agency comments or respond with a "no comment" to [Dominic Maione@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Dominic_Maione@ios.doi.gov) and [Joseph Nevils@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Joseph_Nevils@ios.doi.gov) by the deadline above.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REFERRAL

Date: July 17, 2017

To: Legislative Liaison

From: Dominic Maione (208-4092)

Contact: Joe Nevils (208-4580)

Subject: MISC #37 - DHS Report on Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Strategic Plan

Attached for your review, please find a draft DHS (CBP/ICE) joint strategic plan for trade enforcement and trade facilitation, pursuant to Sections 105 and 306 of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 (Pub. L. No. 114-125).

Please submit any edits by the deadline.

Please send agency comments or respond with a "no comment" to Dominic Maione@ios.doi.gov and Joseph Nevils@ios.doi.gov by the deadline above.

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Date: July 20, 2017

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Subject: S. 90 - INTERIOR (BLM) Proposed Testimony 7/26/17
Re: Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act

Also attached is a copy of the bill text

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Date: September 1, 2017

To: Legislative Liaison

From: Dominic Maione (208-4092)

Contact: Duane Galloway (208-4395)

Subject: MISC #48 - DHS Report on Changes to Customs Policies and Regulations

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 12, 2017

**Joint Statement between the United States of America
and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam**

1. At the invitation of President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Tran Dai Quang, President of the United States of America Donald J. Trump paid a state visit to Hanoi, Vietnam, from November 11 to 12, 2017. The two leaders discussed measures to strengthen and expand the Comprehensive Partnership between their two countries based on mutual understanding, shared interests, and a common desire to promote peace, cooperation, prosperity, and security in the Indo-Pacific region. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to deepening ties on the basis of previous joint statements between the two sides; respect for the United Nations Charter and international law; and each other's independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and respective political systems.
2. President Trump congratulated Vietnam on hosting a successful Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders' Meeting in Danang. The two leaders reaffirmed their intent to continue high-level contacts and exchanges of delegations, and to strengthen existing dialogue mechanisms, including party-to-party dialogues. Both sides highlighted the expanding and mutually beneficial economic relations between the United States and Vietnam, and underscored their shared desire to create jobs and favorable conditions for commerce and business in both countries.
3. The two leaders pledged to deepen and expand the bilateral trade and investment relationship between the United States and Vietnam through formal mechanisms, including the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA). They welcomed the return of market access for United States distillers dried grains into the Vietnamese market and new access for Vietnamese star apples into the United States market. The leaders committed to seek resolution of remaining agricultural trade issues, including those regarding siluriformes, shrimp, and mangoes, and to promote free and fair trade and investment in priority areas, including electronic payment services, automobiles, and intellectual property rights enforcement.
4. The two leaders welcomed the announcement of \$12 billion in new commercial agreements during President Trump's visit. Both leaders also welcomed expanding bilateral energy ties, including discussions between companies from both sides on Vietnam's import of liquefied natural gas from the United States, as well as steps by Vietnam to enhance its capacity for solar power generation with the support of the United States.
5. Affirming their commitment to deepened defense cooperation and shared resolve to address regional

security challenges, President Quang thanked the United States Government for the transfer of a Hamilton-class Coast Guard cutter to help improve Vietnam's maritime security and law enforcement capabilities. Both leaders welcomed the plan for the first ever visit, in 2018, by a United States aircraft carrier to a Vietnamese port. They affirmed the 2018-2020 Plan of Action for United States-Viet Nam Defense Cooperation to implement the 2011 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Advancing Bilateral Defense Cooperation and the 2015 Joint Vision Statement on Defense Relations, strengthening bilateral defense relations in areas of maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, peacekeeping operations, and overcoming war legacy issues. In this regard, the two leaders welcomed the early visit of the United States Secretary of Defense to Vietnam.

6. The two leaders underscored that their two countries would deepen and gradually expand security and intelligence cooperation, enhancing information sharing and joint training on issues of mutual concern. The leaders expressed their intent to strengthen cooperation on cyber security through increased exchanges of delegations and information sharing, in order to promote an open and secure cyberspace. President Quang also expressed interest in closer collaboration on aviation safety and security, and counterterrorism.

7. Both leaders reaffirmed the importance of continued cooperation to address the legacies of war. In this regard, President Quang expressed appreciation for the contribution of the United States to the successful dioxin remediation at Da Nang Airport, and welcomed the United States commitment to contribute to remediation at Bien Hoa Airport. He welcomed further United States assistance for persons with disabilities. President Trump expressed his appreciation for Vietnam's full and continued cooperation in accounting for United States personnel still missing from the war, and pledged to cooperate with Vietnam in its efforts to locate its missing soldiers. The two leaders committed to cooperation in the removal of remnants of explosives from the war.

8. Both leaders affirmed their support for enhancing people-to-people ties to strengthen mutual understanding, cooperation, and friendship between the people of the United States and Vietnam, including through professional and academic exchanges, the launch of the Fulbright University Vietnam, \$500,000 in Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) alumni grants, and the arrival of the first ever Peace Corps volunteers in Vietnam.

9. President Trump and President Quang welcomed the exchange of Agreed Minutes on the intent of the United States to acquire the "D30" site in Hanoi for the construction of a new embassy facility, in accordance with the laws of both countries. President Trump expressed United States support for Vietnam to acquire better diplomatic and consular facilities in the United States.

10. The two leaders recognized the importance of protecting and promoting human rights.

11. The two leaders discussed and welcomed initiatives to preserve peace and stability and to advance cooperation and development in the Indo-Pacific region. The two leaders recognized the central role of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the region, and pledged to respect and support the centrality and unity of ASEAN in the evolving regional architecture. Both sides expressed support for ASEAN to play a stronger role in addressing traditional and non-traditional security challenges such as terrorism, natural disasters and humanitarian crises, illegal drugs, and transnational criminal organizations. The leaders committed to deepening the United States-ASEAN Strategic Partnership based on the principles outlined in the 2016 Sunnylands Declaration. They welcomed the 50th anniversary of

ASEAN's founding and the 40th anniversary of United States-ASEAN relations, and looked forward to commemorative activities, including the ASEAN-United States Commemorative Summit in Manila on November 13, 2017.

12. Both leaders expressed grave concern over North Korea's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs and tests, which violate United Nations Security Council resolutions and threaten international peace and security. They urged all countries around the world to fully and strictly implement all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, and agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation to ensure their effective enforcement. The two leaders agreed on the importance of the peaceful denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

13. The two leaders underscored the strategic importance to the international community of free and open access to the South China Sea, the importance of unimpeded lawful commerce, the need to respect freedom of navigation and over-flight, and other lawful uses of the sea. The two sides reiterated the stance on the South China Sea in the previous United States-Vietnam and United States-ASEAN joint statements, including their call on parties to refrain from escalatory actions, the militarization of disputed features, and unlawful restrictions on freedom of the seas. They reaffirmed their shared commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with international law, including full respect for legal and diplomatic processes. They called for the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), and an early conclusion to an effective, legally binding Code of Conduct for the South China Sea (COC). They further called for all South China Sea claimants to clarify and comport their maritime claims in accordance with the international law of the sea as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and to implement their international legal obligations in good faith in managing or resolving these disputes.

14. The leaders noted that, as a partner of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) and a founding member of the Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI), the United States supports the efforts of the Lower Mekong countries to sustainably manage the region's water and environmental resources for the benefit of all. President Quang acknowledged the leading role of the United States in reducing global carbon emissions and innovating clean energy technologies, and he thanked the United States for its assistance to Vietnam in advancing climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

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October 2, 2017

Joint Statement between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Thailand

*Stronger Alliance for Common Security and
Closer Economic Partnership for Common Prosperity*

1. The President of the United States of America Donald J. Trump welcomed the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand General Prayut Chan-o-cha to the White House today to reaffirm the importance of the enduring alliance between the United States and Thailand and to discuss their shared commitment to promoting peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.
2. The two leaders shared the view that the long friendship and close cooperation that have existed between their two countries and peoples for almost two centuries constitute a firm foundation for further strengthening of United States-Thailand relations. President Trump extended his profound condolences on behalf of the American people for the passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, who was born in the United States and a true friend of America throughout his 70-year reign.
3. The two leaders affirmed that a strong and thriving United States-Thailand alliance is underpinned by shared interests and common values. The two leaders shared a vision of a stronger alliance for common security, a closer economic partnership for common prosperity, and growing people-to-people ties.

Stronger alliance for common security

4. The two leaders emphasized that our historic alliance has been a key feature in underpinning peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific and resolved to further strengthen the alliance through a broad range of measures, including enhanced dialogue, closer coordination, regular exchange of visits, and defense modernization efforts to ensure it continues to help shape the future of the region.
5. Building on the 2012 Joint Vision Statement for the United States-Thailand Alliance, the two

leaders hailed continued efforts to advance their alliance, including through the recent United States-Thailand Strategic Dialogue and the planned Defense Strategic Talks later this year. The two leaders also welcomed closer military-to-military cooperation and joint exercises, including Cobra Gold – the largest multilateral military exercise in Asia, which help promote interoperability and friendship.

6. Recognizing the leading role of Thailand in promoting regional peace and security, and in support of regional architecture centered on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which advocates a peaceful settlement of disputes and confidence building, the two leaders discussed a number of security issues, including:
 - a. *South China Sea.* The two leaders highlighted the importance of a peaceful and stable South China Sea, a vital waterway for global commerce, and freedom of navigation and overflight. Consonant with the Sunnylands Declaration, they reaffirmed their shared commitment to peaceful resolution of disputes, including full respect for legal and diplomatic processes, in accordance with universally recognized principles of international law and the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). They welcomed the adoption of the framework of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) and called for an early conclusion of the COC. They also concurred on the need for a cooperative approach to ensuring a peaceful, stable, and sustainable South China Sea.
 - b. *Korean Peninsula.* The two leaders expressed grave concern about the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's unprecedented number of nuclear and ballistic missile tests over the last year, and reaffirmed their resolve, and urged all parties concerned, to strictly implement all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions with a view to realizing a peaceful, stable and denuclearized Korean Peninsula.
 - c. *The Situation in Rakhine State.* The two leaders discussed the situation in Rakhine State of Myanmar, and the need for expeditious humanitarian assistance to affected communities in a coordinated manner. They welcomed the Myanmar government's commitment to end the violence, ensure the safe return of displaced persons, and accept the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, and they look forward to implementation of these efforts. They expressed their support for ASEAN's role in working with the Myanmar government to provide humanitarian assistance.
7. President Trump recognized the important role of Thailand in ASEAN and noted his appreciation of Thailand's strong support for a wide-ranging partnership between the United States and ASEAN. The two leaders pledged to strengthen bilateral and regional cooperation to promote the U.S.-ASEAN Strategic Partnership, including cooperative efforts to combat regional and global security threats like terrorism, pandemics, and transnational trafficking in persons, drugs, and wildlife. The United States welcomes Thailand's active role in promoting regional cooperation to combat trafficking in persons and both sides decided to strengthen their partnership to address this common challenge. The two sides determined to work more closely on intelligence sharing and law enforcement training, and to make full use of the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Bangkok to forge networks and enhance coordination among law enforcement officials in the Indo-Pacific. They pledged to strengthen

partnership on global health security, including through close cooperation between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its Thai counterparts, and the joint collaboration at the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (AFRIMS) in Bangkok. They expressed that they look forward to strengthening cooperation in the area of maritime security to advance Indo-Pacific security.

8. Recognizing Thailand's strategic importance to the United States and the region, President Trump welcomed Thailand's commitment to the Roadmap, which, upon completion of relevant organic laws as stipulated by the Constitution, will lead to free and fair elections in 2018. The two leaders also recognized the importance of protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Closer Economic Partnership for Common Prosperity

9. The two leaders highlighted the long-standing and mutually-beneficial economic relations between the United States and Thailand. They underscored their shared desire to strengthen bilateral economic ties, grow their respective economies through expansion of trade and investment, and create jobs and favorable conditions for commerce and business in both countries, including in the digital sphere. They stressed the importance of promoting free and fair trade, including in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, and noted their interest in continuing discussions under the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement to further reenergize their trade relations and ensure balanced trade. The two leaders welcomed the progress made by the Thai Government to enhance intellectual property rights protection and enforcement and the announcement by the U.S. Trade Representative of a Special 301 Out-of-Cycle review of Thailand because of recent actions by Thailand to address intellectual property issues. They also noted recent progress to further expand bilateral trade and tasked their teams to resolve expeditiously concerns related to agricultural trade, customs, and workers' rights.
10. The two leaders recognize the importance of the 1966 Treaty of Amity and Economic Relations between the United States and Thailand, and affirmed the importance of promoting bilateral trade and creating favorable conditions for the business of both sides. Prime Minister Prayut welcomed the United States as a leading investor in Thailand. President Trump welcomed growing investment from Thai companies in the United States and its potential contribution to the creation of jobs for American workers. The two leaders welcomed the enhancement of collaboration on standards and between the private sectors of the United States and Thailand.

People-to-People Relations

11. The two leaders stressed the importance of strengthening people-to-people ties, especially youth, as a solid foundation for enduring alliance and partnership. They recognized the important contributions of over 7,000 Thai students currently studying in the United States and the Thai-American community, as well as more than 5,000 Peace Corps volunteers in Thailand over the past decades. They pledged support for closer cooperation in the areas of education, youth exchanges, entrepreneurship, technology and innovation, among others.
12. President Trump and Prime Minister Prayut saluted the 200th anniversary of the first

contact between the United States and Thailand in 1818, and welcomed preparations to celebrate this momentous occasion in 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 8/24/17

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NOTE: Today the Secretary will complete his review of National Monuments and submit a report to the President per the Executive Order. Press Release going out at 1 pm. The AP has already reported that Zinke will not recommend eliminating any of the 27 monuments that were reviewed.

NOTE: Today, at the request of the White House, the Secretary is traveling to Montana to view the Lolo Peak fire.

NOTE: On Friday, the National Park Service will celebrate its 101st anniversary.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is traveling to Montana and then Tennessee.

Secretary Zinke will join Secretary Purdue in traveling to view the wildfire in the Lolo Peak National Forest in Montana. He will then fly to TN. Dinner with Sen. Alexander and Stakeholders;

THIS WEEK:

Fri. 8/25: National Park Service Founders Day events in TN and NC. Breakfast with Sen. Alexander and Stakeholders; Smokey Mountains National Park Tour and Staff; Remarks and Cake Cutting; Volunteers and Youth Corps on Rainbow Falls Trail Help Build Trail; Visit Memorial Trees at Pi Beta Phi Elementary School; Waterrock Knob Visitors Center; Greet Staff and Sen. Tillis; Mt. Pisgah; Remarks and Cut Cake; Hiking Trailhead Newfound Gap, Bryson City, NC Newfound Gap to Clingman's Dome. 9.1 miles.

Sat. 8/26: With Senator Alexander.

Status of the Deputy Secretary

TODAY: The Deputy Secretary is in Washington, DC.

Various meetings and briefings.

Bernhardt will host a meeting of CEOs on the subject of critical minerals.

Media TODAY

Secretary Zinke Sends Monument Report to the White House

(WASHINGTON) Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke sent a report to the president which included his findings and recommendations on national monuments that were under review as a result of the April 26, 2017 executive order. The report summary can be read [here](#). The extensive 120-day review included more than 60 meetings with hundreds of advocates and opponents of

monument designations, tours of monuments conducted over air, foot, car, and horseback (including a virtual tour of a marine monument), and a thorough review of more than 2.4 million public comments submitted to the Department on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Additionally, countless more meetings and conversations between senior Interior officials and local, state, Tribal, and non-government stakeholders including multiple Tribal listening sessions.

The review was implemented by President Trump in order to restore trust in the multiple-use mission of the Department and to give rural communities a voice in federal land management decisions. In order to make the process transparent and give local residents and stakeholders a voice, the Secretary announced on May 5, 2017 the opening up of a formal comment period for the review, as the President directed. This was the first time ever that a formal comment period was open on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) for national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act.

White House Report (Sent Wednesday)

Press Inquiries:

- Many inquiries regarding the National Monument review.
- E&E News: REQUEST--Any reaction to Rep. Grijalva's report yesterday calling the national monuments review an "obvious sham" and asserting Sec. Zinke is not meeting/listening to the public? He said: "Secretary Zinke has toured various sites under review and has claimed to be meeting with all relevant stakeholders and listening to local input. However, media and other reports from the Secretary's trips have been critical of the selective meetings he has chosen to take and the brevity of those meetings."--RESPONSE-- The Congressman's assessment is a wild departure from reality and shouldn't be considered anything more than campaign literature paid for by extreme environmentalists whose real goal is to lock up public lands so people can't use and enjoy them. In addition to missing the mark on the point of the monument review - to give local communities a say - the Congressman's report also fails to take into account the more than 60 meetings the Secretary conducted on the ground with hundreds of local, state, Tribal, and nongovernmental stakeholders including environmental groups and Democratic members of Congress and State officials. (see a partial list for your background below). Additionally, the Congressman's claim that the review is driven by oil and gas exploration is laughable at best. The review, as was outlined in the Executive Order and the Secretary's repeated statements and interviews on the subject, is about restoring trust and giving rural communities a voice in land management decisions. Locals are concerned about losses in revenue, agriculture, hunting and fishing, private property rights, public access to land, traditional Tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting.
- Fox News: REQUEST--Lillian LeCroy with Fox News Channel. Can you please tell me if Sec. Zinke has any public events today? Also, the Department of Interior's IG released a letter indicating they have opened up an investigation into Sec. Zinke and reports that he threatened the two Alaskan senators over their healthcare votes. Does Sec. Zinke have any response to this?—RESPONSE—Lillian, that's an old letter that NYT just recently stumbled upon. Regarding the call, the Secretary and Senator Murkowski have a great relationship and friendship and the conversation they had was professional. Senator Murkowski has knocked down the characterization of the call, including to Fox News. I'd recommend contacting her office for her statement.

Top Stories

- E&E News: Grijalva bashes review as Zinke neighbors post signs
- Salt Lake City Fox 13: Interior Secretary Zinke to make Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante recommendation Thursday
- Washington Post: The Energy 202: Here's how Trump is changing pipeline politics

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Tomorrow, Secretary Zinke will make his recommendation on the status of the 27 National Monuments under review. The rollout plan is still being finalized.
- Tomorrow, Secretary Zinke will be in Montana with Secretary Perdue for an on-site briefing on wildfires in the Pacific Northwest and the Northern Rockies.
- August 25, the NPS turns 101 years old. Secretary Zinke will be at the Great Smokey Mountains National Park for a speech on the historic anniversary, and will also visit the Blue Ridge Parkway.

WEEK AHEAD August 16 thru August 24, 2016

National Park Service:

- August 24: CNN will be at Antietam National Battlefield to film a feature story about the battle, the upcoming 150th anniversary of Antietam National Cemetery on September 17, and projects that will be completed using President Trump's first quarter salary with additional funds from the National Park Foundation, Civil War Trust, and Save Historic Antietam Foundation.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce \$1.657 million in grants to Indian tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestors and cultural items back to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce \$1.2 million in grants to fund preservation, restoration, and education projects at several Japanese American confinement sites.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce the award of \$517,471 in Tribal Heritage grants to 14 American Indian and Native Alaskan organizations to support the protection of America's native cultures.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce that NPS scientists will make audio recordings of the sounds of the solar eclipse in 17 parks spanning nearly 2,700 miles across the country. The project is part of Eclipse Soundscapes, a multi-institutional study from the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and NASA's Heliophysics Education Consortium that introduces sound aspects of the eclipse to wider audiences.

Bureau of Land Management:

- August 24: BLM-MT staff will attend a meeting hosted by the Executive Vice President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council in Miles City, MT, to discuss Federal ownership/leases on resurvey of the Missouri River, overlapping Communitization Agreements, and Application for Permit to Drill streamlining.

U.S. Geological Survey:

- TBD: Release the USGS Critical Minerals study. Have been coordinating with the WH about possible next steps and rollout plan.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

- August TBD: Local BOEM Release: BOEM Alaska releases Draft EIS for Liberty DPP.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will send a note to stakeholders announcing environmental study reports posted to ESPIS from April-June.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will issue Note to Stakeholders on Draft Guidelines for the Use of Design Envelopes for Offshore Wind Energy Facilities.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

CONGRESSIONAL (no change)

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor and Joe Balash, ASLM.

Political Appointee Update (no change)

DOI politicals on board 54

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.

Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

Pending Senate floor vote: Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary Insular Areas.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor.

Secretary Speaking Invitations (new info)

Accepted

9/13 - Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reception (DC)

9/20-21 - Ribbon Cutting, Wonders of Wildlife Museum & Aquarium Bass Pro HQ
(Springfield, MO)

9/22-24 - NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit (Dallas, TX)

9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

9/17 - 150th Anniversary for the Antietam National Cemetery (Antietam)

9/23 - Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days Inc. (Carterville, IL)

9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Open - Detroit Economic Club

Open - Jefferson's Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)

Open - Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open - Weyrich Lunch (DC)

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Declining

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

9/6 - Montana Range Tour (Lewistown, MT)

9/6 - Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)

9/8 - San Antonio Missions 2017 World Heritage Festival Luncheon

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

9/12 - Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)

9/19-21 - Montana Wood Products Assn - Forest Resources Association Convention
(Whitefish, MT)

9/23 - Buffalo Bill Centennial Ball (Cody, Wyoming)

9/23 - National Mining Hall of Fame (Denver, CO)

9/26 - Billings Chamber Annual Mtg (Billings, MT)

9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)

10/1-3 - New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (Santa Fe)

Emergency Management (new)

The Interior Operations Center (IOC) continues to monitor Tropical Storm Harvey, located approximately 425 miles south-southeast of Port O'Connor, Texas. The storm, as of 5:00 a.m., EDT, carries maximum sustained winds near 45 miles per hour, with potential to reach hurricane status by Friday. Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Storm Surge, and other associated watches and warnings have been issued along the entirety of the Texas coastline.

In advance of landfall, the IOC is continuing coordination with potentially affected DOI bureaus and offices regarding preparatory actions, emergency action plans, and anticipated impacts to DOI personnel, lands, and facilities. Additionally, the Office of Emergency Management is coordinating with FEMA regarding potential DOI support to the federal response effort.

In Washington, the Bridge Creek Fire on the Colville Reservation (BIA) has burned 2,640 (+200) acres and is 33 (+4)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 515 (+37) personnel assigned, including 61 (no change) DOI personnel. Full containment is expected on September 20.

Outside Media of Interest (new)

Trump To Hear Recommendations For National Monuments.

The Hill (8/23, Cama) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke faces a Thursday deadline "to issue recommendations to the White House for any changes he thinks President Trump should make" to 21 national monument designations. The announcement will "close a chapter on the administration's highly contentious review that has fueled significant opposition among conservationists and support by Republicans and industries like oil and agriculture that use federal land." The article notes that "Zinke invited comments from the public on the review, the first time such a formal process has been taken for national monuments," and "he also traveled to many of the monuments and met with opponents and supporters."

Interior, Agriculture Secretaries To Visit Montana Wildfire.

The AP (8/23) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue "plan to visit a Montana wildfire command post Thursday as dozens of blazes rage across the western U.S." Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift "said Wednesday that the two members of President Donald Trump's cabinet will receive a briefing from firefighters battling a 50-square-mile blaze burning northwest of Missoula." According to Swift, "the visit was requested by the two Republicans on Montana's congressional delegation, Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte."

Interior Dept. Agencies Could Move West, High-Level Official Says In Denver.

The Denver Business Journal (8/23, Proctor) reports that senior officials at the Interior Department "are 'actively looking' at moving 'some' of its agencies out of Washington, D.C., to the western states, a senior Interior official said at a Denver oil and gas forum."

Commentary: Interior's New Sage Grouse Protection Efforts Welcomed.

In his column for the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (8/23, Mitchell), Thomas Mitchell welcomes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's order to implement "recommendations from a team that reviewed the previous administration's draconian land use restrictions under the guise of protecting greater sage grouse." According to Mitchell, the move by the Interior Department "should have a salutary impact on Nevada's economy."

Critics: Utah Horse Meeting Is Secretive 'Slaughter Summit'.

The AP (8/23, Price, Sonner) reports that "swollen populations of federally-protected wild horses roaming 10 Western states are starved and damaging rangelands, Utah and U.S. government officials said at a conference Wednesday, an invitation-only meeting that mustang-protection advocates say is promoting the slaughter of an icon of the American West." According to the article, "members of Utah's congressional delegation and a U.S. Interior Department official speaking at the National Horse and Burro Summit in Salt Lake City all described an unsustainable population of wild horses that's nearly three times the size that federal officials think the rangeland can support." Meanwhile, "horse-protection groups who weren't allowed into the Utah State University-hosted event protested outside the downtown hotel where it was held, calling it a 'slaughter summit' that's kowtowing to livestock interests, promoting increased roundups and slaughter of wild horses from California to Colorado without public input."

Parks Service Issues Permit For San Francisco Rally.

The AP (8/23, Elias) reports that "federal authorities on Wednesday issued a permit to a politically conservative group for a Saturday afternoon rally in San Francisco that local officials fear could turn violent." The National Park Service "had earlier told Patriot Prayer leader Joey Gibson that he had permission for the event, but withheld issuing the permit until the group agreed to several conditions, which include banning guns, tiki torches and other items that can be turned into weapons." The NPS "said denying Patriot Prayer a permit would violate the organization's free speech rights."

Coming Soon To The National Mall: A Pro-Trump Protest, Juggalo Rally, Liberal March And Weddings – On The Same Day.

The Washington Post (8/23, Stein) reports that the National Park Service is "preparing for one of its busiest days of the year in the nation's capital next month – a fall day when more than 30 events are expected to coincide, including a pro-Trump rally and a demonstration of Insane Clown Posse fans who have dubbed themselves Juggalos." NPS spokesman Mike Litterst "said the agency is sifting through applications to determine where best to situate each group on Sept. 16." The U.S. Park Police "wouldn't discuss its security plan for the day, but said the agency is prepared to provide security while protecting First Amendment activities on federal property."

Federal Register Listings: (new)

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

REG0007307 BLM Notice of Application for Extension of Public Land Order No. 7296 and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Sacramento Peak Observatory, New Mexico. The BLM provides notice of and requests comments on a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) application requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7296 for an additional 20-year term subject to valid existing rights. PLO No. 7296 withdrew over 2,400 acres of National Forest System land from mining to protect the scientific values of the Sacramento Peak Observatory in the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. It will expire on November 28, 2017, if it is not extended. Notice 08/23/2017.

REG0007266 BOE Agency Information Collection Activities; Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), announces that BOEM will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information pertaining to Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Explorations of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) under 30 CFR part 551. BOEM is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/23/2017.

REG0007279 BSEE Agency Information Collection Activities; Unitization This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), announces that BSEE will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information pertaining to the paperwork requirements in BSEE's unitization regulations. BSEE is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/23/2017.

REG0007327 FWS Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications (first applicant: Gregory Gerke, Carmel, IN). This is a batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 08/23/2017.

REG0007325 NPS Notice of Public Meeting: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee is scheduled to meet on September 13, 2017. Notice 08/23/2017.

REG0007326 NPS Notice of Public Meeting: Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee. The Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on September 15, 2017. Notice 08/23/2017.

REG0007280 USGS Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Ferrous Metals Surveys. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information pertaining to ferrous metals surveys. The USGS is requesting public comments on the renewal for 30 days. Notice 8/23/2017.

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Here is a piece from Townhall on Guam:

President Trump, There's One Island That Could Form A Pacific Wall Against Chinese Influence

Matt Vespa

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Tumon—While the rest of the country debates President Trump's Twitter use, health care reform, tax reform, border security, the war on terrorism, and the 2018 midterms, it's easy for some stories to fall by the wayside.

The 2016 election was dominated by many issues, but trade was a key factor that helped push Donald Trump over the top. The main villain was China. Yet, trade isn't the only arena where we're going to do battle with this Asian economic powerhouse.

In the Pacific, China is spreading dollars, subsidizing building projects across Tonga and the Federated States of Micronesia. The latest island project for China was centered on Yap. In these ventures, China provides the dollars and workers for resorts, schools, and other key infrastructure projects. In return, it accelerates their "Going Global" strategy and increases the reach of their intelligence services. Local reports, like one from Tim Murphy of New Zealand's Newsroom, reported that China's Pacific push was due to its rivalry with neighboring Taiwan, which subsided when a pro-unification government was elected in 2008.

So, with China exerting soft power all over the Pacific, who can push back? Well, we can of course. America—the back-to-back world war champions of the world. The problem is finding where our bases of influence are located on the map.

The key brick that could form President Trump's Pacific Wall against China rests in Guam; a U.S. territory that's 9,000 miles away from Washington, D.C. Most Americans would be hard pressed to know that we also have some key military bases in the region. Moreover, it could be another point at which Trump and China's Xi Jinping could meet at the negotiating table over trade, intellectual property rights, and North Korea.

If there's one thing that's explicitly clear in Guam, it's that there's also untapped economic potential that could help bolster its standing with the political class in D.C. and help strengthen our vital strategic position in the region amidst a lurking Chinese tiger.

Townhall took the grueling 26-hour journey to meet with the island's governor, its business

leaders, and its locals, some of whom have been there since the 1960s. What's clear is that while Guam may seem to be in the middle of nowhere, it's right at the heart of the Asian theater.

‘When Main Street USA Gets A Cold... We Get Pneumonia’

Guam is hot; I mean really hot. Ethan Epstein of The Weekly Standard was part of the trip as well. By the time we left the hotel early in the morning, like before 9 o'clock, it was already 90 degrees. The humidity was unbelievable, but we had to meet Gov. Eddie Baza Calvo, a Republican.

It wasn't like visiting a governor stateside. There's virtually no security. No presentation of photo identification, no state police, and no barriers. You literally just walk right up to the governor's office. In the lobby/waiting area, the walls were adorned with maybe a dozen black-and-white pictures of the island from before World War II, when much of Guam was leveled during the Japanese occupation and the subsequent American liberation. The beautiful pictures were taken by, of all people, a young L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of Scientology, when his father, a Navy officer, was stationed here in the 1920s.

Entering the office, Calvo said if there is one part of American sovereign soil that is farthest from Washington, D.C.—you are now in it. That comes with its advantages and disadvantages. He then gave us the 35,000-foot overview of the island, which at times, touched upon the dark days of Japanese occupation. His father was beaten for not removing his shoes before entering a classroom. The Japanese beheaded his uncle, a priest.

There are two pistons that drive Guamanian economy: the military and tourism. Andersen Air Force Base and Naval Base Guam are located at the two opposite ends of the island.

Calvo has been governor for almost seven years, but has lived through the Asian booms that have benefitted the island. The first phase was Japan's rise in the 1960s, but now everything is centered on China. Koreans, Taiwanese, and Filipinos are the other major nationalities that visit and do business the island. For China, they have to get a mainland visa to enter Guam, though the U.S. territory of the Northern Marianas has a visa waiver program for Chinese tourists, which 200,000 use annually.

While Guam has seen a 30 percent increase in Chinese tourists—numbering around 30-40,000 a year—it gets more visitors from Taiwan. If Guam could a visa waiver for the Chinese it would likely mean more visits and more money, but that'll be a Department of Homeland Security decision. The relatively new visa policy for China means one is granted not a one-year, but a 10-year, multi-entry visa into the U.S. That's helped Guam, contributing to a 100,000-person increase in tourism per year. After all, Guam is closer than, say, New York City or Hawaii for some people.

Concerning military expenditures, the construction of a base for the Marine Corps for its pending relocation from Okinawa has begun, but it's still in its early stages. Andersen Air Force Base houses Raptors, B1 bombers, B-52s, and Global Hawks; the base was used for bombing runs during the Vietnam War. It's been robust. Since Calvo has been governor, unemployment has dropped from 13 percent to six percent.

The strategic importance of Guam was also heavily stressed. The governor is a self-described “history buff.” He believes in full incorporation into the fabric of the United States, true citizens in terms of representation and political participation. Yet, he understands the history of the island. During the McKinley administration and the era of Manifest Destiny, the island, as well as the other U.S. territories, including the Virgin Islands and Hawaii (the latter of which became a state) were seen as a way to protect the flanks of Florida and the west coast from European or Asian imperial ambitions.

Yet, as we move toward the third decade of the 21st century, the United States doesn’t know how to treat the territories since that defensive strategic position may be outmoded.

Guam falls under the Office of Insular Affairs within the Interior Department, an agency that has a smaller budget than the government of Guam. The island is the closest sovereign soil to the Far East, where the economies of these nations are both partnered and competitive with the U.S. There are 2 billion people within a three-to-five hour flight of Guam, Calvo said. Oh, and it's also close to the largest standing armies in the world.

American Samoa is the only American soil south of the equator, near Australasia and New Zealand. And those people are worried about foreign encroachment as well, Calvo said. Meanwhile, the governor says Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are on the doorstep of Latin America while Guam is at the foot of the robust and at times—aggressive Asian market.

He said that maybe it’s time to see Guam and the rest of the territories not as liabilities, but as assets, along with “how to maximize” their potential, especially in Asia.

Calvo was quite direct when he mentioned that the greatest impediments to growth and financial stability to this island have been federal action or inaction, except its impact is much more amplified.

“When Main Street USA gets a cold because of an action or missed action, or inaction by Washington, D.C., the territories, because we’re not part of the representative government process, he said. “We get pneumonia or tuberculosis because these activities that occur in Washington, D.C. are so out of touch with what are the realities of Guam.”

Calvo, a supporter of Ted Cruz prior to backing President Trump, said the same elements that brought the political earthquake of 2016—the feeling of a disconnect between D.C. and Main Street and the issues of Middle America—are felt here as well.

The Environmental Protection Agency has also messed with the island, with then-EPA administrator Gina McCarthy instituting Clean Water and Air edicts that totaled \$1.4 billion, which amounts to about a quarter of the entire GDP for the island. Those environmental goals, which were a mixed bag of consent decrees, regulatory edicts, and court actions, were scheduled for completion by 2023-2025.

“Do you want to put us in the Stone Age?” Calvo says he told McCarty at one point.

Then there's the issue of federal reimbursement to the territories through their social welfare programs. Washington made a stipulation to Guam that they would reimburse territories and states that absorbed immigrants from nearby independent Pacific islands that are geopolitically aligned with America. These immigrants use up \$140 million in Guamanian services, \$1 billion cumulatively, but the U.S. only reimburses the island \$14.5 million a year.

Concerning social programs, there's housing, Medicaid (many come here to give birth as the baby gets access to this care and, more importantly, U.S. citizenship), and medically indigent care (MIP), which is a local program. Calvo said that anyone who's been here six months or longer as a resident gets health care access. Eighty percent of enrollees are immigrants—they're overwhelming the system with the lack of reimbursement from Washington.

With no job prospects, many immigrants are getting a tutorial from the island's criminal justice system. Thirty percent make up the prison population; usually for drug or alcohol offenses. It's costs \$110 per day to house these inmates, who were supposed to be deported by Uncle Sam.

At one point, Calvo issued a unilateral order to his customs officers—the territory falls outside federal customs jurisdiction—to deport non-citizen immigrants after they have served 70 percent of their sentence, which would occur through a commutation of sentences. The island would then offer them a one-way ticket back home. Calvo's actions briefly put him in conflict with the DHS, but now working with Guam's customs agents.

In the past, guest workers on a H-2b visa had a job waiting for them here, as there simply aren't enough locals or workers from the mainland to fill all the jobs. The Obama administration changed all of that.

The island wasn't subject to the H-2b visa cap, which meant that there was always an accessible source of labor. In the latter half of 2016, the Obama White House changed this policy with almost 100 percent of visa applicants rejected. This has resulted in a critical shortage of workers, particularly in construction but also in nurses.

Circling back to the economic woes facing the island, the governor discussed his experience in business bottling Pepsi.

On the mainland, transportation costs are around 2 percent of the total costs concerning raw materials and shipping finished goods. In Guam, it's near 30 percent. Calvo said it's not the fault of the grocers; they're working on about the same margins.

Transportation also includes energy costs, which brings us to the Jones Act. The Jones Act was discussed pervasively with those I met, as it makes the island an extremely expensive place to live and do business. In short, it's a vestige of the politics of empire and Calvo hopes President Trump and the Republican Congress can eliminate or reduce it.

Related to the Jones Act is aviation cabotage. Calvo detailed how 1.6 million tourists go through Guam's airport, with 200 flights through Guam each day. The territory is a nexus point—equidistant to Australia and Japan—but a lot of airlines and ships can't stop here due to

cabotage, which prevents a foreign-flagged airline from flying between two airports in the United States. If Guam was exempted, it could serve as a nice pit stop for travelers in the Far East and the South Pacific, to say nothing of another source of tourist income.

Yet, even with the endless economic grievances—and there are many—every Guamanian I met also make one thing clear: they're patriotic Americans.

One of the hardest things Calvo has done as governor, he said, was to greet the bodies of the first two Guam National Guardsmen killed in the war against terrorism. (Since then, over 40 have died fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.) What's also striking is that these two dead Americans served in the armed forces, but, along with the rest of the island's population, couldn't vote for president.

While we just celebrated the Fourth of July, America's birthday, Guam also celebrates Liberation Day on July 21, the day in 1944 when U.S. Marines freed Guam from the grips of Japanese occupation. Unlike Americans on the mainland, they know what happens when freedom is stripped.

While The Guardian reported that the aforementioned military projects for the transfer of Marines are angering locals, who equate it to colonization, the governor said that 70-80 percent support the military buildup, though Calvo withdrew his support over the labor issue with H-2b visas. He also said that support for statehood would be greater.

"We paid our dues in being a part of America," he said. "Unshackle these handcuffs that allow us to reach our full potential economically."

Epstein noted this "craving" for statehood in his piece for The Weekly Standard. That's a debate for another time, but the island's strategic importance cannot be overlooked.

Calvo says that the territories shouldn't be viewed solely through a military lens, but that could be where he gets the most traction with D.C. elites to make the point that there are Americans on the island and it could be the area where Chinese influence is curtailed.

To maintain that strategic position, he could argue, and I'm sure he has, for the loosening and reevaluation of old policies, like the Jones Act. The problem is that there is no senator or representative demanding these changes. The island has a delegate on the Hill, but doesn't have the power to impact policy, nor do they have a full vote on the House floor.

Three Wise Men And A Lurking Chinese Tiger

Concerning national security, locals John T. Brown and Lee Webber say it means something different here.

Brown is an attorney, while Webber is the former publisher of the local Pacific Daily News. Both men are members of the Guam Chamber of Commerce and have a deep grasp of the socioeconomic and political ties on the island. Webber explained how this is the only piece of

U.S. soil that has been occupied by a foreign power since 1812; the Japanese occupied it from 1941-44.

Yet, to drive home the island's strategic importance, you have to get over what many called Washington's "benign neglect." Brown went into an anecdote to explain this, noting that when he visited the DHS—the front desk gave them the papers to fill out for vetting purposes that were meant for foreigners even though Guamanians are American citizens through the 1950 Guam Organic Act.

"The DHS should know where the homeland is," chuckled Brown.

Webber added that every island in the Pacific has China stepping in, funding schools and other projects—while supplying the workforce to complete all of these ventures. Does this mean more American troops, ships, and jets to curb this expansion? Yes and no. A stronger military presence would help, but there was general agreement that a more prevalent FBI, CIA, and U.S. attorney presence would deter Chinese encroachment.

It's a cause for concern because America had to pay for this island in blood. During the three-year occupation, the Japanese, knowing the Guamanians were pro-American, subjected them to rapes, beatings, and executions. Around 10 percent of the entire population was killed, along with nearly 2,000 Marines when it was finally recaptured in 1944. The point is it would be awful if history repeats itself.

Brown also added that it's a good thing that the Department of Defense is here, but they're not a good source of financial support for other projects. Instead of using it for military assets, he said make Guam one that is earmarked for general expenditure in the Pacific.

An American rebuilding and refurbishing project would yield more economic dividends than just a military buildup. Right now, there's a massive undertaking to move close to 2,500 Marines from Okinawa to Guam by 2021.

Joe Arnett, a certified public accountant, said that he would like Americans from the mainland to find Guam on a map, recognize that Americans live here, and further recognize the strategic importance the island serves to America's interests.

Brown added that if D.C. folks want to make America great again, it cannot be accomplished by just seeing the Atlantic, or having an Atlantic-based view on foreign policy. He said we're facing a Micronesia problem; the Chinese are buying the neighborhood from under us. There's also moral imperative, he says. This island was paid for in blood; whole villages were wiped out. There's an obligation here. Webber directed us to a column he wrote, which can be found [here](#).

It's Not A Question Of Growth; It's A Question Of Labor

At 6 a.m. the sun was shining over Tumon, the Waikiki-like strip where most of the hotels are located. It was going to be a great day and one where business leaders David John and Jonathan Kriegel would give us a more in-depth overview of the economics of the island.

John is the president of the ASC Trust Corporation, while Kriegel is the president and CEO of DoCoMo Pacific, a subsidiary of a Japanese telecommunications company. John reiterated some facts I had already heard in various meetings about the island—that Guam is a \$5.5 billion economy, grounded in tourism (55 percent) and government spending (45 percent).

Concerning tourism, the island was, up until recently, totally beholden to Japanese tourists. The Calvo administration diversified the tourism industry to where Japan represents 50 percent of tourists, but Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, and some mainland Chinese make up the rest. Guam was able to tread water when Japanese tourism levels dropped, but the overall numbers are up 54 percent since 2009.

Kriegel added that there are plans to invest in new lodging properties. Also, owners of the Hilton and Hyatt hotels want to expand. A reported 30-story hotel tower is going to happen, but there is serious question who's going to build it due to the worker shortage caused by the Obama administration.

John said that it's all in anticipation of an increase in tourism, as the Calvo administration wants to greet 2 million tourists a year by 2020. While that will require more hotel rooms, the issue is finding workers, he said. Three other hotel projects are also in the pipeline.

I was told the labor shortage is so bad that it could be a fight to just build a house. The two men agreed that a family pool could be in development hell for months.

Computer sciences are one of the most promising and sustaining fields of employment, Kriegel and John said. DoCoMo Pacific wants to capitalize on that, creating a tier three data center on the island, Kriegel said.

Kriegel added that the final bidding process for the new data center led to prices going up, as the new facilities needed to make this project happen would cost more to build due to the worker shortages. (When visas for guest workers went from nearly 100 percent issuance to 1 percent in second half of 2016, Guam lost around 2,000 workers in a private sector labor force of 60,000.)

Well, what about American workers? Can't they do all of this construction? Yes, they can, but Guam takes at least a day to get there and airfare is anywhere from \$1,800 to over \$2,000—and that's just for a seat in economy-class. Uprooting families for a 9-month job isn't economical, nor is flying back and forth dropping \$2k in ticket costs.

We're the "tip end of the tail of the dog out here," said John. And the worker shortage shows that. It also shows how policies, like the H-2b visa changes, might help stateside issues, like helping get a hold of our border and immigration issues, but hurt the Americans trying to make a living elsewhere.

Returning to DoCoMo Pacific's telecommunications and IT projects, there's another area that places Guam in a unique position strategically: submarine cables.

The southern route in the Pacific runs near Guam. The island is a popular place for these cables

to land, Kriegel explained. He added that this could be the third leg of Guam's economic stool, as these projects take years to complete, maybe decades. To establish a foundation for this information hub, you need IT workers. The closest area to recruit these workers is the Philippines, but the visa issues have made this difficult.

The discussions of guest worker shortages also drew us into the Jones Act, which cuts off trade with the emerging markets in Asia, who could deliver fresh produce and other goods. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is also an obstacle on this front. John added that so-called fresh food from the U.S. mainland after a month on a container ship isn't fresh.

Guam's Deplorables: The Island's Strategic Shipyard And How The Workforce Might Be Natural Trump Supporters

Over the course of the five-day trip to the island, the one and only shipyard was the topic of discussion. It was also the main selling point for Guam's strategic importance.

The shipyard, formerly a Navy repair facility, had a dry dock capability, something that's crucial to maintenance of our naval vessels.

Right now, the Navy primarily uses Singapore and the Philippines (Subic Bay) for dry-docking its ships instead of Guam's shipyard, where 300 to 500 U.S. workers were employed in good-paying jobs.

Calvo said that the Philippines are a good ally and business partner, but it's not American soil and changes in political leadership always places its long-term use in question.

In 2005, the USS San Francisco hit a seamount doing max speed (30 knots) around 360 miles southeast of Guam. The hull was severely damaged. They were able to blow their ballast tanks and surface and make it to Guam for repairs. Hawaii was too far away, as was the Philippines. The result could have been a three-to-four billion-dollar loss for the Navy since without repairs the vessel would have to be scuttled at sea.

While it occurred off the coast of Japan, the recent collision between the destroyer USS Fitzgerald and ACX Crystal, a container ship, could happen anywhere, though some of the circumstances surrounding the crash are suspect; it seems the Crystal turned around and charted a course directly into the destroyer. Still, ships in a similar and horrific maritime collision in the waters in and around Guam could have a shot of saving their vessels and their crews.

I ate dinner with Mathews Pothén and his son, Ajay Pothén. Pothén senior is the owner of the Guam Shipyard, which owns the dry dock. They told me the military's presence doesn't mean the Department of Defense or, for that matter, anyone else in Washington thinks the island is important beyond its strategic location for the Air Force and Navy.

He said that the military buildup in Guam started under the Bush administration, but in the ensuing years the Pentagon has made decisions based on dollars and cents, rather than the national interest.

If you ask the military why there's no dry dock in Guam right now, they'll mention what I've reported already: the costs, which are admittedly higher here in ports elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

For Pothen, it's the tentacle creature called bureaucracy that's keeping his dry dock from being operational and revigorating Guam's economy.

Ajay says the bean counters at the Pentagon are wrong, noting that a dry dock would actually save the government \$750 million over the next five decades. To make things more maddening, federal law under Title 10 prohibits Navy vessels from being "repaired, overhauled, or maintained in a shipyard outside of the U.S. or Guam," unless a sudden emergency occurs.

To circumvent this, the Navy has designated ships in the Pacific as forward-deployed vessels to avoid the statute, which not only protects the national security, but also promotes the national interest by using American companies and American workers.

Interestingly enough, the Pentagon's disregard of the national interest ties into the notion of American workers being screwed over for cheaper labor—a major element in the 2016 presidential election.

In the case of Guam's shipyard, the American workers employed by the Pothen's have been replaced by workers in the Philippines and Singapore being paid no more than \$10 a day. Moreover, 25 percent of workers at Singapore's ports are communist Chinese nationals.

As Trump said about free trade, it only works when everyone plays by the rules. The folks who live here know one thing: In Asia, these rules are not being followed.

Pothen senior talked about how Japan and South Korea protect their industries. In Korea, the government recently spent \$9 billion to subsidize their shipping industry to ensure their workers keep building ships, where he said one dock alone employs 35,000 people.

On an island like Guam even one dry dock is critical, as Pothen's Guam Shipyard was part of an apprenticeship program aimed at educating local high school graduates in the skilled trades, which as we all know are generally undervalued and underappreciated.

In some odd way, these displaced workers are the Pacific's "deplorables," something that Epstein, The Weekly Standard reporter who accompanied me, observed as we traversed the island.

Their livelihoods are being threatened by cheap foreign labor, the political elites don't seem to understand the importance of their work, and they're ignored due to their geographic location. Does this sound familiar? As Webber said, Guam is the rust belt in the rice belt. It's a valid point.

Another thing that flies in the face of logic is the fact that five U.S. submarines are homeported in Guam, but there isn't the capability to repair these multi-billion-dollar vessels. In the meantime, stable and high-wage employment hangs in the balance.

Guam is an American tiger with stripes. It's a fusion of American and Asian cultures.

Shipyards here do have a lot in common, at least in terms of their sociopolitical situation, with some of the voters who flocked to Trump. And Guam is an island that deserves more than just acknowledgement of its importance from military brass.

More importantly, those who know of Guam's strategic location for the Pentagon need to do more than just know that it exists, or that we have two bases on it. For Congress, this could be a massive economic and diplomatic hub that could serve as a rampart against Chinese incursion throughout the Pacific.

As The Heritage Foundation said on the issues facing the U.S. with China lurching further into the region [emphasis mine]:

For the U.S., the presence of the PRC in the South Pacific does not pose immediate military threats; rather, it promises longer-term influence for Beijing, which is likely to erode regional support for the U.S. This longer-term erosion does have potential military implications. Not only do key sea lanes of communications (SLOCs) transit the waters encompassed by these island nations, but they also offer potential sites for various bases, as was the case in World War II.

Anchorage and airfields in these islands would offer alternative sites for Guam—which is already densely covered with various American military bases and facilities—making it a lucrative target for Chinese missiles and other standoff weapons. Dispersal to additional sites would complicate Chinese targeting, by both proliferating the number of sites that might have to be attacked and broadening the number of sovereign states that it would be attacking.

By contrast, if Beijing established a political foothold in these islands, it could persuade these states not to extend access to the U.S., as well as arrange for Chinese access. These need not be military bases; the ability to build space surveillance facilities and communications nodes, for example, would make these islands potential reconnaissance and surveillance sites for eavesdropping on Guam and the U.S. missile test facilities at Kwajalein in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Another issue that is turning this part of the Pacific into a hotspot is China's construction of artificial islands, which are being used as military bases in the South China Sea. If hostilities were to ever break out, the Navy would need easy access to a safe port to repair its vessels. Hawaii is too far. Only Guam can do it.

Concerning labor, there may be some good news on that front as the DHS announced that more H-2b work visas would be granted in the coming months. Whether Guam will benefit from that remains to be seen, however.

It's a hub of untapped economic potential. A slice of America at the doorstep of fledgling Asian markets, with scores of their citizens willing to fly and spend their money on the island.

When Washington, D.C., figures out where Guam is on the map, we can hope that more attention is paid to the island's 170,000-plus residents. And how they will be the frontlines in stopping China.

Webber likened the island to "an uncut diamond," and one that's waiting for the U.S. to cash it in for increased geopolitical capital. It's a crossroads into Asia that's worth protecting and worth our attention.

I'm also happy to also report that the island didn't tip over.

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INTERIOR

Senators wary of nominee who doubts 'catastrophic' warming

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Some senators are dubious about whether a man who has downplayed warnings about climate change should help set policy for islands where rising seas threaten their livelihoods.

Doug Domenech, the administration's nominee to be assistant secretary of the Interior for insular affairs, appeared yesterday before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where he got an earful from senators who don't like his track record on climate change.

"If confirmed, you're going to be responsible for some vulnerable communities, these island communities," Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) told Domenech. "Given your history of downplaying or ignoring climate change, why do you think you're the right person to help these communities?"

If confirmed, Domenech would coordinate federal policy across seven island territories and other associated states in the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean, all of which are already experiencing the impacts of a changing climate.

Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) warned that the islands that would be under the nominee's jurisdiction as assistant secretary are in jeopardy of disappearing under his watch.

"This is one of the most serious challenges facing our country and our world," King said. "And I hope you will, as we've had one of the witnesses already testify, take the occasion to look at the data and open your mind to change."

Franken pressed the nominee on his views regarding climate change, citing one of many editorials Domenech published over the last several years that cast doubt on the roles humans have played in changing the climate and called the Paris Agreement "vapid" (*Climatewire*, Nov. 22, 2016).

While he was director of the Fueling Freedom Project, part of the conservative think tank the Texas Public Policy Foundation, Domenech wrote in *The Hill* that humans may have an impact on climate change "perhaps but in very small ways."

"But the overarching consensus remains the climate change we are experiencing is by no means catastrophic," he continued.

Domenech took a softer tone on climate science during his confirmation hearing.

"I do agree that the climate is changing and man has a role in that, and especially for the islands, they're particularly vulnerable, especially the low-lying atolls and islands are very vulnerable to sea-level rise," he said.

He added that he had already pledged to the governors and delegates of the islands under the Office of Insular Affairs' jurisdiction that he would work with them on climate change.

Interior's Office of Insular Affairs handles federal policy for American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as oversees federal assistance provided to the freely associated states of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau.

Scientists have documented that the island communities are already facing rising seas, increased temperatures and changing rainfall patterns, which threaten their way of life. In some cases, such as with the Marshall Islands, those impacts are projected to displace the entire population.

King urged Domenech to seek out government-collected data from the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii as well as ice cores that illustrate the "unmistakable" connection between the proliferation of fossil fuels for manufacturing and the steep rise in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Franken and Domenech also sparred over a commonly used statistic that 97 percent of climate scientists agree humans are causing climate change, a number that Domenech said has been debunked ([see related story](#)).

The sparring over climate research came as part of a larger push by lawmakers at a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing to press Department of Energy and Interior nominees on how they would use science in their respective agencies amid mounting concerns that it is being disregarded.

Domenech, who led the Trump administration's Interior transition team, previously spent eight years at the Interior Department, serving in multiple positions, notably as deputy chief of staff and deputy assistant secretary for insular affairs.

He was previously secretary of natural resources in Virginia under then-Gov. Bob McDonnell (R). He said in that position, he worked closely with fishermen on Tangier Island — a small town in the Chesapeake Bay that will likely have to be abandoned by midcentury due to sea-level rise and erosion — to help them reinforce the island's shoreline.

"My whole life has been trying to help people involved in the environment," he said. "I don't at all minimize

that the climate is changing, and I would just say the head of the [U.S. Geological Survey] himself has said that we always need to keep in perspective that the climate of the Earth has always changed since the beginning of the planet, and it always will change."

'The future is uncertain'

For residents across the U.S. Pacific islands and other insular territories, the impacts of climate change are already being felt, said Melissa Finucane, a senior researcher at the East-West Center and RAND Corp.

The 2014 National Climate Assessment estimates that sea surface temperatures across the U.S. Pacific will rise between 2.5 and 4.7 degrees Fahrenheit by 2090, bleaching economically important coral reefs. Rainfall has decreased and is expected to continue on that trajectory across most of the region, bringing the threat of more frequent and persistent drought and reducing access to drinking water.

In the western part of Micronesia, rainfall is projected to increase, which could boost the threat from flooding. Seas are rising faster than the average in the western tropical Pacific, and temperatures are rising across the region.

Changing rainfall patterns and sea-level rise can change entire ways of life for the diverse communities across the U.S. Pacific islands, Finucane said.

"As people have to move away and migrate to other places, there's a risk they'll lose their cultural practices and beliefs and so on," she said. "Pretty much everyone, whether you're on an island or not, needs some kind of plan for adapting to circumstances, and the challenge here is the future is uncertain."

'Disdain and distrust'?

The role of science in both the Interior and Energy departments was questioned by multiple senators yesterday.

Democrat Sen. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico asked Brenda Burman, who has been nominated to be commissioner of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, if she would take science seriously as head of the nation's largest water provider.

"Frankly, what worries me the most about this current administration is some of the disdain and distrust directed at science data and in particular scientists," he said.

Ranking member Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) said at the hearing that she intended to ask the inspector general to look into a claim by an Interior Department employee that his reassignment in the agency was because he spoke out about the impacts of climate change on Alaska Native communities (*Climatewire*, July 20).

Speaking to E&E News yesterday, Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska said she plans to press Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke about the accusations (*E&E News PM*, July 20).

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NOMINATIONS

Committee to review Interior, DOE picks

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The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee this week will look to put a dent in the backlog of executive branch nominations by holding a hearing on six Interior and Energy department nominees.

Scheduled to appear before the panel Thursday are three Interior picks, including Brenda Burman to be head of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Burman, a former Grand Canyon National Park ranger, is the director of water strategy for the Salt River Project, the largest source of water and power to the Phoenix metropolitan area. If confirmed, she would be the first woman to lead the bureau. Her nomination is considered noncontroversial ([*E&E Daily*](#), June 27).

Also slated to appear Thursday is Virginia's Douglas Domenech, whom President Trump has tapped to be assistant secretary of Interior for insular affairs, a slot that coordinates federal policy for American territories, including American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Democrats are likely to query Domenech about his past role as director of the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Fueling Freedom Project, which aims to "explain the forgotten moral case for fossil fuels."

Susan Combs, Trump's pick to be assistant secretary of the Interior for policy, management and budget, will testify Thursday as well.

Combs previously served two terms in the Texas Legislature and was the state's first female agriculture commissioner, as well as comptroller of public accounts. She is a rancher from the Big Bend region ([*Greenwire*](#), July 11).

The committee last month approved the nomination of David Bernhardt to be deputy Interior secretary, but Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has not scheduled a floor debate. Democrats have raised conflict-of-interest concerns over Bernhardt's past work as a lobbyist for oil and gas companies.

DOE

ENR members on Thursday will also hear from three nominees Trump tapped to fill out the ranks at the Department of Energy.

The president picked Mark Wesley Menezes, a former chief counsel on the House Energy and Commerce Committee from 2003 to 2006 who currently serves as vice president of federal relations at Berkshire Hathaway Energy, to be undersecretary of Energy last week.

Senators will also query Paul Dabbar, Trump's nominee to be undersecretary for science, where he would oversee DOE research efforts.

He is currently JP Morgan Chase & Co. mergers and acquisitions managing director, as well as a member of DOE's Environmental Management Advisory Board (*E&E Daily*, July 12).

The president's pick for general counsel, Pennsylvania's David Jonas, will also appear before the committee. A former Marine, he has served as general counsel for both the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (*E&E Daily*, May 24).

The hearing should provide some comfort for ENR Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who for months has expressed frustration over the slow pace of nominations from the White House for agencies under her jurisdiction.

McConnell last week announced plans to delay the start of the August recess for two weeks, with pending nominations expected to fill some of that floor time.

Also awaiting floor votes besides Bernhardt are Federal Energy Regulatory Commission picks Neil Chatterjee and Robert Powelson, who cleared the committee last month. Their confirmation would restore a voting quorum at FERC for the first time in months.

Trump last week announced he will nominate Kevin McIntyre, an energy lawyer at the firm Jones Day, to chair FERC. The president previously nominated Senate Democratic aide Richard Glick to fill the Democratic slot on the five-member commission recently vacated by Colette Honorable. Neither nomination has been formally submitted to the Senate.

Also awaiting a final confirmation vote is Trump's pick to be deputy Energy secretary, Dan Brouillette, who cleared committee last month.

Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.) is said to have a hold on Brouillette's nomination over the Trump administration's plans to revive the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nev. Heller's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Schedule: The hearing is Thursday, July 20, at 10 a.m. in 366 Dirksen.

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Apologies for the delay in forwarding this to you. Some minor tweaks to what I sent to you on Sunday below. Please let me know if you need anything else from us at this time.
2-3 months (by Labor Day)-

Priority - Sportsman's Access - This will require an internal focus at the Department to identify what efforts can be driven in FWS and NPS that will increase funding priorities with partners to ensure that this objective is met. This will require tracking metrics to ensure we are achieving meaningful improvement. Continue the directive in S.O. 3347 by reconstituting the Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Conservation Council (as the FACA review ends) and amend the charter to reflect the goals of the Administration. We would like to form a Sportsmen's Access Collaborative Task Force to evaluate current efforts and focus, to investigate funding strategies and recommend future course of action. The task force will identify specific field level (park, refuge, management area) obstacles to access and recommend administrative actions required to open the areas.)
WH Involvement - Identify constituents who have expressed interest in the topic and direct them to DOI/FWP to sit on this task force.

Priority - FWS/NPS law enforcement public interface - Implement Secretary Zinke's priority of ensuring that FWS and NPS officers are approachable and not placing excessive burdens on the public. With a vacant FWS law enforcement chief position we must evaluate both law enforcement arms within the FWS and look at policy, uniforms and gear, organizational structure, training, and case structure. This evaluation could involve both internal staff and a team of outside law enforcement professionals that could include members from organizations such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs' Association, and government organizations such as the FBI, DHS, etc.
WH Involvement - Assist in requesting team members from other federal law enforcement agencies

Priority - Evaluate policy guidance created in the past 8 years - Search out policy guidance from previous administrations such as evolving positions on climate change projections, view sheds, regional haze surveys, etc., and how they affect formal agency comments and decision-making processes. This will be completed with assistance of internal and external policy makers, external science advisers and others to best understand how these policies align or create conflict with presidential orders and direction.

WH Involvement - Provide policy feedback to DOI as these are submitted forward for consistency reviews.

Priority - Employee conduct and morale - Evaluate policy guidance, case reporting levels and other metrics to determine what degree of problems may exist in FWS and NPS with regard to sexual harassment, employee misconduct and other matters. These findings may help drive new policy or better emphasize and enforce existing protocols.
WH Involvement - Provide support as we reveal results that may demonstrate a need for improvements.

6 Month goals (end of CY 2017) -

Priority - Infrastructure repair and replacement/address deferred maintenance backlog - Complete assessments of infrastructure and determine how those may be integrated into DOI infrastructure requests that NPS, FWS and others have underway. These findings may also demonstrate a need to reevaluate facilities for closure or possibly leasing to states (possibly hatcheries), promoting public private partnerships, etc. to achieve the positive expected operational needs.

WH Involvement - Assist in allowing these shovel-ready NPS and FWS projects to be a part of larger infrastructure funding recommendations for the FY 2019 budget. DOI may require WH support to obtain congressional approval or proposed fee increases at (particularly at NPS units and for targeted groups such as international visitors). These fee increases will assist not only in addressing the deferred maintenance backlog but will promote the policy goal of the President and Secretary of acquiring a balanced budget.

Priority - Evaluate organization structure to align with possible DOI regional teams - As Secretary Zinke continues to evaluate the efficacy of creating regional centers, continue to assist with agency realignment scenarios that would best align with that programmatic direction.

WH Involvement - Provide reinforcement with Congress to help reassure that these changes may not be detrimental to workforce efficiency.

Priority - Endangered Species Act revisions and administration- Numerous external stakeholders continue to focus on requested congressional changes to the ESA.

Western Governors Association is gaining significant national attention. While the FWS may not be involved in the crafting of any of the proposed legislation, FWP/FWS leadership should be permitted to report on anticipated outcomes based on that potential legislation. Working with other relevant agencies and CEQ develop and enact regulatory corrections that will facilitate voluntary recovery actions, protect private property rights, promote data integrity and establish efficiencies to support an infrastructure package.

WH Involvement - Support the new DOI leadership that understands the issues and desires for appropriate and realistic ESA reform. Direct CEQ and OMB to initiate reforms and cross-agency cooperation.

Thanks,
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DOI In The News

Interior Won't Change Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Designation.

The [AP](#) (8/4, Daly) reported, "Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Friday he is not recommending changes to Arizona's Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument, the fifth site Zinke has removed from an ongoing review of national monuments for possible elimination or reduction." The AP noted, "Zinke is reviewing 27 national monuments designated by previous presidents. The review was ordered by President Donald Trump, who says many monument designations are unwarranted land grabs by the federal government. Zinke has removed five sites from review ahead of a final report due later this month. Others removed from consideration are in Montana, Colorado, Idaho and Washington state."

The [Washington Examiner](#) (8/4, Siciliano) quoted Zinke as saying Friday, "Today I'm announcing that Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument's review process has concluded and I am recommending no changes be made to the monument." Zinke added, "The land has some of the most pristine and undeformed geological formations in North America, which show the scientific history of our Earth while containing thousands of years of human relics and fossils."

In a rundown of upcoming Congressional deadlines, [E&E Publishing](#) (8/4, Cahlink, Lunney) mentioned that "Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's final recommendations on whether to alter 27 national monuments is due Aug. 24."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington Times](#) (8/4, Wolfgang), the [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (8/5, Sullivan), and the [Arizona Republic](#) (8/4, Altavena, Devoid).

Under Trump, Coal Mining Gets New Life On US Lands.

A 2,700 word, front page [New York Times](#) (8/6, A1, Lipton, Meier) report says the Trump Administration is "encouraging more coal mining on lands owned by the federal government – part of an aggressive push to both invigorate the struggling American coal industry and more broadly exploit commercial opportunities on public lands." The Times comments, "companies and individuals with economic interests in the lands, mining companies among them," have not "held such a strong upper hand" since "the so called Sagebrush Rebellion during the Reagan administration." In late June, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "visited Whitefish, Mont., to attend a meeting of Western governors, where he vowed to find a balance between extracting commodities from federal lands and protecting them." Zinke said in a speech, "Our greatest treasures are public lands. It is not a partisan issue. It is an American issue." Yet, according to the Times, "The alliance between Mr. Zinke and the coal industry is well documented in his campaign finance disclosures."

[Newsweek](#) (8/6, Shaffer) covers the Times analysis, reporting that "Zinke has been in the state of Utah since Sunday talking with state and local officials and touring the Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, to help determine their future status under the Trump Administration." Zinke said, "You know our nation can't run on pixie dust and

hope, and the last eight years showed that." A tribe member is quoted as saying, "We don't have money. But we have land, water and air. Snuff that out and we are gone."

Interior Watchdog Reviewing Zinke's Calls To Alaska Senators.

The [AP](#) (8/4, Daly) reported Interior Department Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall said "her office is launching a 'preliminary investigation' of" Interior Secretary Ryan "Zinke's July 26 calls to Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan" in which Zinke allegedly "warned the senators of repercussions for their state if Murkowski failed to support the" GOP healthcare bill. The AP added that "Zinke has called the notion that he threatened Murkowski 'laughable,' but he tweeted a photo Thursday of himself and Murkowski smiling over Alaskan beers at his Washington home. 'I say dinner, she says brews. My friends know me well,' Zinke wrote, adding a beer emoji and 'thanks' to Murkowski."

[CNN](#) (8/4, Green, Marsh, Wallace) reported online that the IG's preliminary investigation follows "a letter sent Thursday to Democratic Reps. Frank Pallone and Raul Grijalva, who initially requested the investigation on July 27." Additional coverage was provided by [Reuters](#) (8/4, Volcovici) and the [International Business Times](#) (8/4, Prasad).

3 Goals Zinke Has During Time At Interior.

The [Daily Caller](#) (8/5) reported, "President Donald Trump's Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is frustrated with 'the resistance' to getting his senior leadership staff in place," and he "most of the blame on the Office of Government Ethics, which many quietly report to be overzealously abusing its position to review nominees." Zinke also told the Daily Caller News Foundation that he "has three goals for his time in the cabinet: He hopes to restore trust with all the partners of the Interior Department, improve the languishing infrastructure, and thin out the headquarters staff while bolstering the front line staff."

Trump Says States Can Count On Federal Cash In Emergencies.

The [AP](#) (8/4, Thomas) reported, "President Donald Trump said Friday that states can count on his administration to dispense U.S. emergency funds efficiently." Touring FEMA's command center, Trump was "accompanied by Vice President Mike Pence, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Energy Secretary Rick Perry, and Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price."

The Battle Over Science In The Trump Administration.

[CNN International](#) (8/5, Green) reported online, "President Donald Trump has made no secret of his desire to roll back environmental regulations and change the playing field for the fossil fuel industry," and "his administration's actions over its first six months have followed that lead, including what many scientists say is a full fledged battle against research and facts." CNN cited how "Joel Clement was director of the Office of Policy Analysis at the Interior Department,

until three weeks ago. Now he's a senior adviser at the department's Office of Natural Resources Revenue – a position he labels an accounting job." Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke told Congress in June that reassignments will be part of the process meant to reduce the department's "physical footprint."

Meanwhile, The Hill (8/5, Henry) said that "government employees are growing increasingly willing to criticize or defy the White House and President Trump's top appointees," citing how "a handful of current and former career staffers in the Interior Department and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have openly shredded their superiors within the last several weeks, continuing a trend that has developed throughout the government over the course of Trump's tenure in the Oval Office." The Hill specifically cited how "in the Interior Department...Clement, has filed a whistleblower complaint against Trump administration political appointees like Secretary Ryan Zinke, saying he was reassigned to the agency's revenue office because of his former research and advocacy over climate change." Yet, an "agency spokesman said last month that reassignments are 'conducted to better serve the taxpayer and the Department's operations.'"

Continuing Coverage: Interior Department Reaffirms Protection Of Upper Missouri River Breaks As National Monument.

The Bend (OR) Bulletin (8/6, Lipton) reports, "The Interior Department announced Wednesday that the Upper Missouri River Breaks, a famous chunk of river in central Montana that holds a national monument designation, would remain fully protected by federal land use restrictions." Zinke said, "The monument is one of the only free flowing areas of the Missouri that remains as Lewis and Clark saw it more than 200 years ago." Zinke said in June, "There is no doubt that" the Bears Ears National Monument "is drop dead gorgeous country and that it merits some degree of protection," before he added "that the Bears Ears site seemed too large and that different kinds of uses of the land are too restricted, meaning it is 'not the best use of the land.'"

The Sidney (MT) Herald (8/5, Jean) reported similarly, and the Billings (MT) Gazette (8/6) provides coverage in a brief.

Why Our Large-Scale National Monuments Should Stay Intact.

Pew Charitable Trusts VP Tom Wathen wrote in The Hill's (8/4, Wathen) "Pundits Blog" blog that as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke considers elimination or modification of national land monuments, he should "recommend that the monuments under review remain as they are now for future generations." Wathen argued, "Not only are large scale monuments vital to protect important 'objects,' but they also provide open spaces to find recreation or seek solitude, serve as habitat for thousands of plant and animal species, and strengthen the economies of surrounding communities."

CEO of adventure travel company "Off the Beaten Path" Cory T. Lawrence similarly wrote in the Billings (MT) Gazette (8/4, LAWRENCE) urging the protection of national park lands, opining that President Trump's proposed budget cuts leave "an annual operations shortfall of about half a billion dollars"

for the Interior Department.

Bureau Of Indian Affairs

3 Killed, 2 Injured In Shootings On Montana Indian Reservation.

CBS News (8/6) reports online that Crow Tribal Chairman Alvin Not Afraid Jr. said in a statement that Methamphetamine "and gang activity were factors in a residential shooting that killed three people and injured two others on Montana's Crow Indian Reservation" on Friday. Not Afraid said in his statement on Saturday, "Drugs have a devastating affect on our communities, and yesterday's incident is a reminder of that." The FBI, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Montana Highway Patrol and the Big Horn County Sheriff's Office are investigating the shooting.

Additional coverage was provided by the AP (8/6) and the Billings (MT) Gazette (8/5, Kordenbrock).

A Hard-Fought Victory To Restore Tribal Land Faces New Threat In Trump Era.

In a 2,000 word analysis, Huffington Post (8/4, D'angelo) contributor Chris D'angelo wrote that although "Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke vowed to be an advocate for America's indigenous communities and their right to self determination," "a major change to the Department of the Interior's Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations...is the latest example of Zinke and the Trump administration not living up to their promises to native peoples, former Interior officials say." The Interior Department reportedly announced a "revised strategy" last week that it said "will more effectively allocate" the remaining \$540 million from the landmark settlement in Cobell v. Salazar. D'angelo highlighted opinion that this was "a move that will widely impact Indian communities without any formal government to government consultation."

Cherokee Nation, BIA Place Ochelata Health Center Land Into Trust.

The Bartlesville (OK) Examiner Enterprise (8/4, Day) reported, "The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office agreed to place 240 acres owned by the Cherokee Nation into federal trust." The deed was signed by Principal Chief Bill John Baker and BIA Deputy Regional Director Jessie Durham. The Examiner Enterprise noted that "the \$10 million facility was part of the tribe's \$100 million health care improvement program," and it "replaced a 5,000 square foot health center in Bartlesville."

Cayuga Nation Leadership Battle Heads Back To Court.

The Auburn (NY) Citizen (8/4) reported, "The ongoing battle for control of the Cayuga Nation in central New York is heading back to court," as the "Cayuga Nation Council on Friday said that the federal Interior Board of Indian Appeals had rejected a motion by the Unity Council seeking to overturn a federal decision recognizing Clint Halftown and his council as the official governing body of the Nation." In response, "Joseph Heath, the attorney for a Nation group formerly

known as the Unity Council, filed a motion questioning the validity of the decision to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals." In addition, Halftown's group "said that it filed a complaint Friday in New York State Supreme Court seeking the return of properties, inventory and other assets taken from its control in 2014."

Creek Indian Tribe Breaks Ground On Native American Cultural Center.

The Northwest Florida Daily News (8/5, Adams) reported from Milton, Florida, "The Santa Rosa Creek Indian Tribe broke ground on their Native American Cultural Center Aug. 1 at their tribal grounds." The article described how "the cultural center will include an artifact museum with more than 3,000 Native American artifacts, including a peace pipe used in the signing of a treaty between the head of the Crow Nation and the head of U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, and ashes and embers descended from a fire that burned in the Cherokee town of Tahlequah more than 1,000 years ago."

Bureau Of Land Management

Trump Readies Repeal Of An Obama-Era Coal Rule Right After West Virginia Rally.

The Daily Caller (8/4) reported that the "Interior Department has filed a repeal of an Obama era rule to raise mineral royalties on federal lands." In a Friday regulatory filing, "officials noted the royalties rule had 'several significant defects in the rule that would have undermined its purpose and intent' and made it ripe for repeal." President Trump had said at a rally Thursday night, "We are putting our coal miners back to work. We have ended the war on beautiful, clean coal. We have stopped the EPA intrusion. American coal exports are already up."

Greenwire (8/4, Marshall) reported similarly.

As E-Bikes Gain Popularity, Land Managers Ponder Future.

The AP (8/5, Condon) reported, "E bike use has exploded over the past year," creating enforcement challenges in parks prohibiting motorized vehicles. Pitkin County Open Space and Trails director Gary Tennenbaum "said the program's rangers are receiving an increased number of reports of scofflaws on the trail." The AP added that the BLM "often accommodates mountain bikes and motorcycles on the same trails," and "many routes in the Crown, the popular mountain in the midvalley" in Colorado "are open to both uses." Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association Executive Director Mike Pritchard commented that "when cyclists are huffing and puffing their way up a climb, it strikes some of them as cheating when they encounter an e biker covering the same ground quicker and easier."

In Gold Butte In Nevada, Ancient Rock Art And Rugged Beauty.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution (8/6, Caldwell) carries a 2,200 word analysis praising Gold Butte In Nevada, which "was deemed worthy of monument designation for historical and cultural assets but also for environmental and

conservation reasons." The piece mentions that the BLM "designated routes for off road vehicles and a main road, Gold Butte Road, which is designated as a National Backcountry Byway."

Utah Commission: Keep "Negro Bill Canyon" The Same.

The AP (8/6, McCombs) reported that the Utah Committee on Geographic Names said Friday that it "voted to recommend retaining the name of Utah's Negro Bill Canyon after receiving conflicting opinions about whether it is offensive." This "recommendation next goes to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, which is expected to make a final decision on canyon's name later this year." The article noted, "Last September, the federal Bureau of Land Management administratively changed the signs at the 'Negro Bill' trailhead to read instead 'Grandstaff Trailhead.'"

Federal Court Orders Restoration Of 23,000 Acres For Wild Horses.

The Washington Times (8/6, Dinan) reports that the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia "delivered a victory to wild horse enthusiasts, ordering the U.S. Forest Service to restore 23,000 acres of critical land as protected horse country in California – and showed judges taking an increasingly dim view of agencies' decision making." The Times notes, "The horse campaigners won another legal battle last year when a federal appeals court out west ruled that the Bureau of Land Management...illegally removed wild horses from Wyoming territory."

Bureau Of Safety And Environmental Enforcement

Interior's Rhetoric Ineffective Against Low Oil Prices.

E&E Publishing (8/4, King) reported that the Interior Department's pro energy policies will not be effective as crude prices remain depressed below \$50. Pavel Molchanov, SVP and equity research analyst at Raymond James, said, "If oil prices were as low as they were 18 months ago, the best rhetoric in the world could not change the fact that companies are suffering from low oil prices." The Interior is also restricted by the agency's scope, as the department controls drilling activity on federal land. However, the Permian and Bakken are primarily located on state and private land.

Denver Post Analysis: Permits Show Tensions Likely Between Communities, Producers.

A Denver Post (8/6, Svaldi) analysis of Colorado's drilling permits suggests that the clash between growing communities and energy production in northeastern Colorado will intensify in the coming years. The analysis found that pending and approved drilling permits are being issued for locations in and near towns and other populated areas twice as often as in remote locations. Eight of the 10 fastest growing towns and cities in the state, along with the two fastest growing counties, are directly in the path of drilling.

Murray Energy CEO: Trump Supporting American Coal Industry, More

Changes Needed.

Robert E. Murray, Chairman, President and CEO of Murray Energy Corp., writes at the [Wheeling \(WV\) Intelligencer](#) (8/6) that President Trump has followed through on his promises "to preserve coal jobs and low cost, reliable electricity for all Americans." He discusses several of the actions Trump has taken, including the repeal of the Stream Protection Rule, an executive order directing agencies to repeal the Waters of the United States Rule, and the rescinding of the Clean Power Plan, among others. Moving forward, Murray says the Trump Administration should eliminate the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule, eliminate tax credits for windmills and solar panels, and end the electric utility Maximum Achievable Technology and Ozone regulations, among other actions. He concludes that "we must continue to fight for fair treatment of the coal industry by the United States government and a level, unsubsidized playing field for our coal in electric power generation."

Database Illustrates Safety Of US Drinking Water.

The [CBS Weekend News](#) (8/6, story 9, 2:20, Quijano) reported that a new database managed by the Environmental Working Group "allows consumers to go online and see exactly what contaminants are in the water in their area" – a tool that so far has shown, among other things, that "almost 19,000 water systems in the US have levels of lead that could affect formula fed babies, and 93 contaminants in the nation's water are linked to an increased risk of cancer." CBS adds that although the EPA says that more than 90 percent of the nation's water meets its safety standards, the EWG says these standards are not "purely" health standards. The EWG also "says water filters can reduce or even eliminate many of the contaminants, but depending on what is in the water coming too your home, the price of a filter could be anywhere from about \$20 to more than \$1,000."

Fish And Wildlife Service

Let Forest Fires Burn? What the Black-Backed Woodpecker Knows.

In a 1,700 word analysis, the [New York Times](#) (8/6, Gillis) reports that many scientists are calling for a new approach to combating wildfires that "basically involves letting backcountry fires burn across millions of acres" – an approach based on the idea that suppressing wildfires has imperiled certain plants and animals that prefer burned forest habitats and has damaged long term health of forests that need periodic thinning. The same scientists argue that communities should redirect fire safety funds to fireproof homes. The Times adds, however, that such an effort would face political opposition and that "considerable disagreement remains among scientists about exactly how forests should be managed."

Blanding Turtle Finds Safe Haven In Nebraska.

A 1,300 word [AP](#) (8/5, Ursch) report analyzed the classification of the Blanding's turtle, which "is considered endangered throughout much of its range east and

west of the Great Lakes and in Canada." Assessing threats to the animal, the AP noted that "in 2013, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials reported that trade of the turtle appeared to be on the rise."

D.C.'s Only Endangered Species Is Shy And Sightless, But It's Having A Moment.

The Washington Post (8/4, Moyer) reported on the District of Columbia's "lone endangered species: the mysterious Hay's Spring amphipod." FWS spokeswoman Meagan Racey indicated "the Hay's Spring amphipod was discovered in 1938 on property belonging to the National Zoo. ... They were found at additional sites along Rock Creek in subsequent decades and act as metaphorical canaries in the coal mine." Racey said, "They're very sensitive to water quality. The fact that they exist here is good news." Yet, the Post highlighted that much remains unknown about the animal.

Marion Refuge Open For Solar Eclipse Viewing.

KFVS TV Cape Girardeau, MO (8/4, Ross) reported online, "The entirety of the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge" in Montana "will fall under the path for the majority of the August 21st solar eclipse." KFVS added, "The refuge is not planning any organized public events, but viewers may view the eclipse on their own."

Congressmen Oppose Texas Wildlife Refuge As Border Wall Site.

The AP (8/5) reported, "A group of Texas Democratic congressmen are questioning preliminary plans to build a section of President Donald Trump's proposed border wall through" the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. The congressmen say cutting through the refuge "could do serious environmental and economic damage," and are calling for transparency.

Outdoors Notebook: Survey Shows Growth In Number Of Anglers.

The Dallas Morning News (8/5, Sasser) reported, "Americans took 855 million fishing trips last year, according to a report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Outdoor Foundation," which "showed fishing increased by 2.5 million anglers over the previous year." FWS survey data also showed "that the average mourning dove hunter brought home 22.2 birds during that season, and the average white winged dove hunter bagged 14.7 birds."

With 'Wind River,' Taylor Sheridan Continues To Smash Western Stereotypes.

The Washington Post (8/5, O'Sullivan) reviewed filmmaker Taylor Sheridan's latest film "Wind River," which is "a loosely fact based thriller about the investigation of the murder of a Native American teenage girl on Wyoming's Wind River reservation," and in which actor Jeremy Renner plays FWS officer Cory Lambert.

National Park Service

Deadline Nears For \$70 Increase In NPS Passes.

The Columbus (GA) Ledger Enquirer (8/4, Adams) continued coverage of the upcoming price hike for NPS lifetime senior park passes. The article explained, "U.S. citizens and permanent residents age 62 and older have until Aug. 27 to purchase a lifetime senior park pass for \$10, rather than the \$80 it will cost starting Aug. 28. The \$10 fee has been in effect since 1994, but federal legislation passed last year increased the fee." The Cape Cod (MA) Times (8/4, Bragg) reported similarly.

Mixed Reactions, NPS Pass Sales Boom Ahead Of Price Hike. WLBZ TV

Bangor, ME (8/4) reported, "Acadia National Park is one of 59 parks across the country inundated with seniors trying to get their hands on lifetime passes. The demand for the passes, accepted at parks across the country, has overwhelmed National Park Service websites and info centers ahead of the anticipated price hike." NPS staffer "Dave Williams said he has been selling the passes nonstop at the Acadia Visitor Center." Acadia National Park spokesperson John Kelly said, "An increase from 10 to 80 dollars is a big leap. An increase in these fees is really part of the ability for the park service to raise funds to do good things for visitor services and other amenities in the park."

Martelle: Make A Reservation To Visit Yosemite Or Zion? It Might Become Necessary. Los Angeles Times (8/4, Martelle) contributor Scott Martelle wrote that Zion National Park "administrators are considering a reservation system for park entry, or for specific park attractions," and "as unappealing as that might be, it could be the best solution to a vexing problem that has been building for years." Martelle added, "A reservation system makes sense, but it may need to be done by lottery to truly be fair"; however, "reducing the load on the most used and most overrun of the parks is necessary." Martelle commented, "The parks system has for years faced underfunding problems, with \$11.3 billion in deferred maintenance projects in a department with a \$3.4 billion annual budget – which president Trump wants to slash to \$2.6 billion."

"Wrong Turn" Kills Doctor In Grand Canyon Hike With Girls.

BBC News (UK) (8/4) reported 38 year old Sarah Beadle "died after a 'wrong turn' when she ran out of water while hiking with her daughter and niece in the Grand Canyon, her husband has said." The NPS "confirmed that a woman's body was found on Wednesday less than a mile from the Phantom Ranch along the South Kaibab Trail." NPS spokesman Kirby Shedlowski "told WFAA TV that although the South Kaibab trail is shorter, 'that trail has limited shade and no water accessibility on it.'" Officials said "rescuers, who had been searching since 1 August, found her backpack near the junction of the South Kaibab Trail and River Trail."

Jeff Schwartz, a ranger who works in the inner canyon, told the AP (8/5, Snow, Davenport) that "hiking there can be dangerous, with high temperatures at the canyon bottom routinely topping 100 degrees during the summer," adding, "There is no potable water available along the South Kaibab Trail between the South Rim trailhead and Phantom Ranch or even creek water to use for cooling." The AP added, "Schwartz said rangers advise hikers to hike in the

morning or evening when temperatures are milder and there's more shade. Still, it's not uncommon to have one or two deaths a year primarily due to heat or dehydration." Schwartz said, "The environment down there is much less forgiving during the summertime."

USA Today (8/5, Mo) reported similarly.

One-Time Seasonal Worker Landed Dream Job At Yellowstone.

The AP (8/5, French) profiled Yellowstone National Park photographer Jim Peaco, chronicling his rise from garbage truck driver to obtain his "dream job" with the NPS. The AP said that over the course of Peaco's "career he's photographed presidents, flown over the park during the height of the 1988 fires, boated onto the 160 degree waters of Grand Prismatic Spring and captured shots of grizzly bears and geysers that have circulated around the world – one of which appeared in a text book."

After Zero-Tolerance Vow, A Park Chief Cited For Sexual Harassment Gets A Bonus And New Job.

The Washington Post (8/4, Rein) reported that although "in his first day in office, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke pledged 'zero tolerance' for sexual misconduct," the NPS gave former De Soto National Memorial Superintendent Jorge Acevedo "a new job and performance bonus" after investigators found he "made unwanted advances to a woman he supervised – with hugs, lingering handshakes, inappropriate comments about her appearance, and sitting or laying on her desk while she was trying to work." Acevedo "is no longer supervising employees but kept his \$82,000 a year salary, according to an agency official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a personnel issue." Acevedo has "denied the allegations and said his staff perceived his actions differently than he intended them."

At Statue Of Liberty, Words That Resonate Even If They're Unfamiliar.

The New York Times (8/4, Tarbell) covered a Wednesday debate between "Stephen Miller, a senior adviser to President Trump, and Jim Acosta, a reporter for CNN," who "argued about the meaning of the Statue of Liberty and its connection to" Emma Lazarus's 1883 poem, "The New Colossus." The Times said, "Acosta had asked if the administration's immigration policy conflicted with the ethos of the statue. Mr. Miller countered by noting that the poem was not in place when the statue was dedicated in 1886. Instead, the plaque was added to the pedestal in 1903." The Times reported that "Dennis Mulligan, who has been a ranger for 20 years with the National Park Service, which operates the statue, said 'The New Colossus' plaque had been in several locations" and "there are no photographs of its original location as part of the statue's pedestal, but it is believed to have been in one of the balcony areas of the colonnade."

Yellowstone To Create Temporary Bison Quarantine Facility.

The AP (8/4) reported, "Yellowstone National Park has decided to convert part of its bison capture facility into a temporary brucellosis quarantine facility after

livestock and animal health officials resisted efforts to ship potentially disease carrying bison across Montana to be quarantined." Yellowstone "Park Superintendent Dan Wenk said Thursday the park would bring a portion of the space up to federal and state standards to open a facility where animals could be certified as free of brucellosis, a disease that causes animals to abort calves." Meanwhile, "Park biologist PJ White said the biggest change will be lining two pens with an extra layer of fencing to ensure quarantined bison do not come into contact with other bison or elk, which also carry the disease."

The Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle (8/4, Wright) reported similarly.

Geese Rounded Up From DC Park Will Be Made Into Meals.

The AP (8/4) reported that the NPS said "in a statement that meat from 116 Canada geese was donated to the D.C. Central Kitchen last week," which "will be used in meals the kitchen prepares for homeless shelters, rehabilitation clinics and after school programs." The AP added, "It's the second year the park service has donated goose meat to the kitchen." The NPS explained "the geese were caught in Anacostia Park and euthanized in July as part of an effort to manage the park's wetlands."

Nation's Oldest Coal-fired Steamboat Returns To Mystic River.

The AP (8/5, Eaton Robb) reported that the 109 year old coal fired steamboat "The Sabino, billed by the Mystic Seaport maritime museum as the nation's oldest coal fired steamboat in regular operation, resumed public cruises Wednesday from the maritime museum." The more than \$1.1 million restoration of the steamboat "was paid for with public and private grant money, including...a National Maritime Heritage Grant of \$199,806 administered by the National Park Service in partnership with the U.S. Maritime Administration."

Park Service To Host Civil War Railroad Program.

The Jackson (WV) Herald (8/4) reported that the "Petersburg National Battlefield and its park rangers will sponsor a lecture about the importance of railroads in the Civil War at the city's Southside Train Depot." The Herald explained, "This tour is part of a series of weekend programs offered by the National Park Service in Old Towne Petersburg throughout the summer."

Outdoor Industry In Colorado Aims To Become Political, Economic Force.

A 1,200 word Denver Post (8/6, Blevins) analysis says, "As the heavyweight Outdoor Retailer trade shows decamp for Colorado, the outdoor industry is" an increasingly powerful lobbying force. The Post adds that "with the Trump administration and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke plowing ahead with a review of national monuments that could result in downsizing swaths of federally protected open spaces, the outdoor industry is not about to ease up on the fight for public lands – the lifeblood of outdoor recreation, inspiring a lifestyle that prods Americans to buy more gear that is essentially researched and developed on those wildlands."

Historically Black Beach Enclaves Are Fighting To Save Their History And Identity.

The [Denver Post](#) (8/6, McMullen) writes, "Sag Harbor Hills and the neighboring districts of Ninevah Beach and Azurest are unique among beach communities in the Hamptons" because "they rank as the oldest African American developments in the Hamptons and are among a handful of beach communities in the United States with African American roots." In contrast, in other cities, "As values soar in surrounding locations, pricing out many second home buyers, historically black beach enclaves from American Beach near Jacksonville, Fla., to South Carolina's rural Sea Islands are seeing sharp increases in development and new home buyers." The piece mentions that "though much of the island chain in South Carolina has been declared a Cultural Heritage Corridor by the National Park Service, that has not stopped developers from chipping away at waterfront locations."

Century Of Progress Homes Tour, Plus Lots To Discover In Columbus.

The [Chicago Tribune](#) (8/4, Lamorte) reported, "The Century of Progress Homes Tour (Oct. 14-15) offers a rare glimpse inside five iconic houses that helped shape the way we live today." The Tribune noted that "the homes were sold to private owners before coming into the possession of the National Park Service and then into the care of Indiana Landmarks, which subleases them from NPS." The piece added, "If you're just interested in a casual peek inside the homes, your best bet is a Saturday (Oct. 14) tour led by National Park Service rangers."

Editorial: Zinke Should Leave Cascade-Siskiyou Protections In Place.

The [Oregonian](#) (8/6, Board) editorializes that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke should preserve the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument designation, arguing "Scientists from a variety of disciplines have pushed since 2015 to extend the boundaries of the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument in hopes of protecting a variety of rare species of plants, animals, butterflies and fish increasingly threatened by climate change and development." The editorial further asserts that the monument has "helped attract tourists to the businesses that have operated successfully on the private land within the boundary," and "in turn, the expansion holds the potential to link the Pacific Crest Trail to Ashland, providing an economic boost to a number of communities along the way."

Office Of Insular Affairs

Senate Panel Approves Five Interior, Energy Nominees After Delayed Vote.

The [Hill](#) (8/3, Cama) reported that on Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee "approved Doug Domenech, who led Interior's transition effort for Trump, to be assistant secretary of insular affairs at the department by a 13-8 vote." The Hill said that "Domenech formerly led the Fueling Freedom Project at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, which advocates for fossil fuels, and previously worked at Interior under President George W. Bush," and "in his new role, he'll oversee the federal responsibilities for American Samoa, Guam,

the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands.”

NPS Awards \$27K Grant To Preserve WWII Sites On Saipan.

The Saipan (MNP) Tribune (8/4) reported that on Friday, the NPS announced “\$1.2 million in grants that will be used to help communities preserve and protect America’s significant battlefields, to include a project in the Northern Mariana Islands for \$27,000.” Acting National Park Service Director Michael T. Reynolds said, “We are excited to partner with public and private organizations committed to protecting and preserving our country’s historic national treasures. Through these grants, and the work the grantees are accomplishing, we are ensuring that these hallowed sites are protected and maintained for future generations.” The Tribune briefly outlined the funding goals of the American Battlefield Protection Program Battlefield Planning Grants.

Dept. Of Interior Awards Territory \$2.4 Million Grant For Infrastructure Improvements On Schools.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (8/4) reported, “The U.S. Department of Interior has awarded the territory a \$2.4 million grant for infrastructure improvements on Virgin Islands schools,” which “have been made available through the Office of Insular Affairs’ (OIA) Capital Improvement Project (CIP) program.” Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett announced the award on Friday, saying, “The first Grant the Insular Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms (ABCs) Initiative (FY 2017) is worth \$1,947,000 and will be used to address high priority health and safety deferred maintenance needs across the territory as identified through the Insular ABCs assessment. ... The next Grant, the St. Croix Schools’ Potable Water Infrastructure Replacement Project is worth \$500,000 and will be used to begin replacement of the aging and collapsing portions of the potable water infrastructure at schools on St. Croix to prevent water loss and ensure a supply of clean and safe water.”

Office Of Surface Mining

Pruitt: Obama EPA “Failed” To Protect Environment After Gold King Mine Spill.

During a visit to the site of the Gold King Mine spill in Colorado, EPA Administrator Pruitt said former President Obama’s EPA “‘failed’ at its mission to protect the environment,” Breitbart (8/6, Starr) reports. Pruitt said, “EPA should be held to the same standard as those we regulate. ... The previous administration failed those who counted on them to protect the environment.” Pruitt added, “I think it’s safe to say if this had been any other company, a BP type of a situation, there would have been an investigation that would ensue by the agency and there would have been accountability. ... That didn’t take place here. The federal government should not be able to hide behind sovereign immunity when the facts don’t meet the protections. ... In my estimation, the EPA walked away from those folks and left them in a position of incurring damages without taking accountability.”

US Geological Survey

Growing Skin In A Lab Has Benefits For Humans And Turtles Alike.

Popular Science (8/4, Baggaley) reported on the research of USGS wildlife disease specialist Thierry Work, who "is studying the virus responsible for a deadly disease called fibropapillomatosis, which causes tumors to grow all over sea turtles' skin and inside their bodies." Popular Science said, "Work's efforts represent the first time that scientists have engineered reptile skin," although researchers have been building "lab grown versions of mammalian skin for decades." In addition, "now that reptile skin has been successfully grown in the lab, the technique could be put to work investigating other reptile and amphibian skin diseases." The piece speculated that Work's lab grown reptile hide could "also be used instead of skin from actual snakes or alligators for bags and shoes."

Yellowstone Supervolcano Earthquake Swarm Surpasses 1,500 Events.

Newsweek (8/4, Lowe) reported, "Observers have now recorded more than 1,500 earthquakes on the western edge of Yellowstone National Park as part of an ongoing 'swarm' currently in its seventh week." An unnamed USGS spokesperson said activity appeared to be "slowly winding down."

Magnitude 6.0 Quake Hits Philippines -USGS.

Reuters (8/5, Maler) reported in a brief, "A magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck south Mindanao island in the Philippines on Saturday, the U.S. Geological Survey said."

How A 9.2 Earthquake In Alaska In 1964 Changed Our Understanding Is Explained In "The Great Quake."

The Los Angeles Times (8/4, Phillips) summarized Henry Fountain's "The Great Quake," which is a book "dedicated to the five terrifyingly convulsive minutes around dinnertime on March 27, 1964, when the forces of geological upheaval, normally beneath our threshold of perception, violently obtruded into human time, reconfiguring not only the landscape of south central Alaska but our understanding of earthquakes and the risk posed today by the Big One and Really Big One." The Times mentioned that the USGS tasked George Plafker to assess the quake wrought destruction on the ground, and his work "supplies a master key for understanding not only earthquakes but 'all the geological features and processes that humans have wondered about for centuries,'" Fountain wrote.

Top National News

Media Analyses: UN Vote Shows US Efforts To Isolate North Korea Are Working.

Media reports cast the unanimous vote at the UN Security Council over the weekend to impose new sanctions on North Korea, as well as comments Sunday

by the Chinese foreign minister urging Pyongyang to halt its missile and nuclear tests, as signs that the Administration's efforts to isolate the nation are finding some success.


In its lead story, for example, the CBS Weekend News (8/6, lead story, 2:30, Quijano) reported, "The Trump Administration's effort to further isolate North Korea may be working. Today, China urged its outcast neighbor to make a smart decision and stop conducting nuclear tests. The scolding follows the passage of the UN resolution at the UN Security Council that imposes tough new sanctions on the regime that could cost the country a billion dollars in lost trade." CBS' Errol Barnett noted that Russia and China "didn't use their veto power and supported sanctions" in "a sign of diplomatic progress for the Trump Administration, which has been trying to convince China to use more of its economic leverage over Pyongyang." NBC Nightly News (8/6, story 2, 2:20, Snow) similarly said the Administration's strategy is "bolstered" by the new UN resolution. At an ASEAN summit in Manila on Sunday, "Even China, North Korea's only ally, told it publicly to stop being provocative."

Reuters (8/6, Shepherd, Mogato) reports Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Sunday that new UN sanctions "were the right response to a series of missile tests, but dialogue was vital to resolve" the crisis, which he said was now at a "critical juncture." During what he described as "very thorough" bilateral talks with North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho, Wang said he had advised him to not carry out further nuclear tests.

On its front page, the Washington Post (8/6, A1, Morello) says the "US push to further isolate North Korea appeared to be reaping some dividends Sunday" as China urged Pyongyang to make a "smart decision" and stop conducting missile launches and nuclear tests. Said Wang, "Do not violate the UN's decision or provoke international society's goodwill by conducting missile launching or nuclear tests." Wang, however, quickly added, "Of course, we would like to urge other parties like the US and South Korea to stop increasing tensions." USA Today (8/6, Bacon) reports Wang said "the dual proposal is the most practical, viable and reasonable solution to de escalate tensions on the Korean Peninsula while providing a 'way out' of the nuclear issue."

The Washington Examiner (8/6, Chaitin) reports South Korean President Moon Jae in "requested a call Sunday evening with President Trump," and the two "welcomed the new international sanctions on North Korea unanimously passed" by the UN Security Council on Saturday.

The New York Times (8/6, Harris) reports Secretary of State Tillerson "hailed in his typically understated fashion the United Nations vote." Speaking to reporters in Manila, Tillerson said "with a smile" that "it was a good outcome." According to the Washington Times (8/6, Boyer), the Administration "says it has momentum to exert more international pressure on North Korea," following Saturday's unanimous vote. In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said President Trump "appreciates China's and Russia's cooperation in securing passage of this resolution," and "will continue working with allies and partners to increase diplomatic and economic pressure on North Korea to end its threatening and destabilizing behavior."

USA Today (8/5, Stanglin) reports Ambassador Haley said the vote "put the North Korean dictator on notice" and represented a "strong, united step holding North Korea accountable for its behavior." The Hill (8/6, Beavers) reports Haley also praised the new sanctions on Fox News Sunday Morning Futures , saying that it was time for North Korea to "realize we are not playing anymore."

The AP (8/6, Lederman) reports the Administration "cautiously embraced China's apparent newfound cooperation" after it voted Saturday in favor of new sanctions, "while putting it on notice that the US would be watching closely to ensure it didn't ease up on North Korea if and when the world's attention is diverted elsewhere." Still, there were "no signs the US would acquiesce to China's call for a quick return to negotiations."

Bloomberg News (8/6) reports Chinese President Xi Jinping "appears to again be back in Donald Trump's good graces – at least for now." Last week, "it looked as if the leaders of the world's biggest economies were on a collision course," but that "all changed with a breakthrough at the United Nations on Saturday." After a month of talks, the US and China agreed on new sanctions targeting North Korea's exports.

However, North Korea responded to Saturday's vote at the UN, the Wall Street Journal (8/6, Otto) reports, by telling China there would be no change in its policy. According to Chinese state media, North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho restated Pyongyang's policy on the nuclear weapons issue during talks with Wang, but indicated a "willingness to maintain communications with the China side on this point."

A Wall Street Journal (8/6, Watts, Otto) report says that while the US scored a victory with Saturday's passage of toughest new sanctions against North Korea, the challenge now is making them stick amid Pyongyang's continued efforts to improve its missile and nuclear programs.

The Washington Post (8/6, Whoriskey), meanwhile, reports the new sanctions plug "a loophole that allowed North Korea to sell coal to China under the guise of 'humanitarian' trade, even though much of North Korea's coal trade has been devoted to weapons development, not humanitarian purposes, according to recent US court filings." Documents from a recently unsealed US court filing, "combined with another federal case, suggest that much of the money China has paid to North Korea for coal over the years went toward the country's weapons and military efforts."

Mueller Impanels At Least Two Grand Juries In Russia Investigation.

As President Trump kicks off his summer vacation, coverage of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election intensified. The cable and network newscasts focused heavily on Mueller's decision to impanel at least two grand juries in what was cast as an overall broadening of the probe. Meanwhile, reporting in print and online examined other major developments, including revelations the FBI monitored the dissemination of "fake news" from Russia on Election Day and that Republican staffers from the House Intelligence Committee traveled to London this summer in an attempt to interview a former British intelligence operative behind a

controversial dossier on the President's ties to Russia.

In the lead [CNN's Situation Room](#) (8/4, 5:01 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) segment, Wolf Blitzer said Trump has begun "a 17 day vacation at the end of a tumultuous week that's seen a dramatic escalation to the Russian investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller"; a revelation that "House Intelligence Committee Republican staff members traveled to London hoping to speak with a former British intelligence agent who compiled a dossier of alleged Russian ties to...Trump's campaign"; and multiple sources' say that "the FBI monitored social media on Election Day last year in an effort to track a suspected Russian disinformation campaign spreading false stories and conspiracies, many aimed at Hillary Clinton."

According to [USA Today](#) (8/4, Johnson), Mueller "is using at least two grand juries – in Virginia and Washington, D.C. – to advance a wide ranging federal inquiry into possible coordination between President Trump's campaign and Moscow, a lawyer involved in the case said Friday." USA Today adds that "the use of the grand jury located in Washington is potentially significant, analysts said, as it likely means investigators are probing activities that happened within that jurisdiction." Correspondent Kristen Welker said [NBC Nightly News](#) (8/4, story 3, 1:45, Holt) "confirmed special counsel Robert Mueller has multiple grand juries working on the investigation, including in Washington, DC and Virginia," although the President's legal team is "insisting they haven't been made aware of the grand jury, and say he's not under investigation."

[CNN's Situation Room's](#) (8/4, 6:15 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) Wolf Blitzer reported that Mueller is also "already issuing subpoenas for financial records, other documents involving the Trump organization, seeing if there is any connection with the Russians." Sullivan said Mueller's question on whether investments in question had an impact on the election is "perfectly legitimate," and "really is investigation 101." Sullivan explained that Mueller "is following the money, and he wants to see where it leads." In the lead story for [CNN's Situation Room's](#) (8/4, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) second segment, senior White House correspondent Jim Acosta said Mueller's probe is "ramping up" as Trump takes "time off." During his rally in West Virginia on Thursday, said Acosta, Trump "did not mention his eldest son, Jared Kushner, and campaign manager held a meeting with a Russian lawyer" in hopes of securing "promising research on Hillary Clinton."

[CNN's Situation Room's](#) (8/4, 6:39 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) Blitzer acknowledged "some have suggested" Mueller is "going too far," and said the President "has suggested there is a red line," but he said CNN "went back and we looked at the instructions that Robert Mueller received from the Deputy Attorney General, Rod Rosenstein when he was appointed back in May. And it said that he should 'investigate any links and/or coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the campaign of President Donald Trump, and any matters that arose or may arise directly from the investigation, and any other matters within the scope of 28 CFR,' which is the special counsel authorization legislation, the law. So, this is wide open. He can basically go wherever the suspicion leads him." National security and legal

analyst Susan Hennessey agreed that Mueller has "a very, very broad scope," so if the investigation "leads him to Trump businesses, Trump tax returns, Trump family members, anything else – any other indication of criminal activity," then "that's all completely fair game." While Breitbart (8/4, Mason) is critical of CNN's assessment, the piece says that "if Mueller does overstep the bounds of his commission it would fall to [Rosenstein] to recognize that occurrence and take steps to refocus the investigation."

However, ABC World News Tonight (8/4, story 3, 1:10, Muir) reported that just "hours after the news broke" Thursday that Mueller impaneled a grand jury, the President was "downright defiant during a campaign rally in West Virginia." CNN's Situation Room (8/4, 5:30 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) broadcast Trump saying, "The Russia story is a total fabrication." He continued, "Most people know there were no Russians in our campaign. There never were. We didn't win because of Russia, we won because of you. That I can tell you." The President added, "Have you seen any Russians in West Virginia or Ohio or Pennsylvania? Are there any Russians here tonight, any Russians?"


Bloomberg News (8/4, Olorunnipa) says "Trump and his allies are trying to rally his political base with warnings that any outcome other than vindication will be an attempt to thwart the will of voters." Bloomberg adds that the President "followed up" on his remarks with a tweet Friday morning "highlighting a cable news commentator predicting a national 'uprising' if a member of Trump's family is indicted." According to Bloomberg, "Trump is going on the offensive in seeking to cast the investigation into Russian meddling in last year's campaign in political terms." In an analysis, the Washington Post (8/4, Borchers) says that Trump's tweet of a clip from the "Fox & Friends" morning show featuring Jeanine Pirro, "Judge Jeanine," has "invited speculation that he or a family member could be indicted" by a grand jury.

Nonetheless, Politico (8/4, Conway) reports senior counselor Kellyanne Conway in an interview with Fox News' "Fox and Friends" on Friday "sought to downplay the investigation," saying, "Let me remind everyone what the president has said about this. It's a witch hunt. It's fake. Last night I believe [Trump] called it a fabrication. And we know that the nature of these types of investigations become fishing expeditions, where you're just throwing Jell O up against the wall and hoping it will stick." Conway continued "this White House and everybody involved has said that they would comply and share whatever information that they do have." She added, "On this matter of the investigation, Ty Cobb, a special counsel to the president, has said that anything that accelerates the process, we are for. And we will continue to cooperate."

Meanwhile, The Hill (8/4, Concha) reports former House Speaker Newt Gingrich "ripped Robert Mueller on Thursday night, telling Fox's Sean Hannity that the special counsel in the Russia investigation represents 'the deep state at its very worst.'" Gingrich added, "The Mueller threat has probably been the most deadly [facing the Administration]. He has the power of the law, he has the ability to indict people, the ability to negotiate and let some people off if they'll testify against other people." Regardless, Gingrich asserted the President is "making progress every week, he's getting things done. He's beginning to move

toward a tax cut bill that will be historic. He's gotten more judges approved than Obama had at this point, Obama and a Democratic Congress. Despite everything, I think the Trump system is beginning to work."


The Hill (8/4, Carney) "Floor Action" blog reports Sen. Lindsey Graham told Fox News on Friday that while he and Sen. Cory Booker have introduced legislation to protect Mueller from dismissal, he plans to "hold Mueller accountable" for any leaks. Graham stated, "If we get constant leaks coming out of the grand jury then he needs to be held accountable for that. That's not fair to the president." He added, "No American, including President Trump or his team, should have the contents of a grand jury leaked out into the press selectively."


The Daily Beast's Washington bureau correspondent, Jackie Kuchinich, said on  CNN's Situation Room (8/4, 5:35 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) that she viewed Trump's comments at the Thursday rally as not "just a rant," but an "us versus them message" that appeals to his base's unhappiness with the Administration's struggles.

NYTimes A1: Mueller's Team Has Asked White House For Documents On Flynn.

The New York Times (8/4, A1, Rosenberg, Apuzzo, Schmidt) reports in a front page article that investigators working for Mueller have "asked the White House for documents related to the former national security adviser Michael T. Flynn, and have questioned witnesses about whether he was secretly paid by the Turkish government during the final months of the presidential campaign, according to people close to the investigation." The Times states that while "not a formal subpoena, the document request is the first known instance of Mr. Mueller's team asking the White House to hand over records." According to the Times, Flynn declined to comment while Trump's special counsel Ty Cobb stated, "We've said before we're collaborating with the special counsel on an ongoing basis." Cobb added, "It's full cooperation mode as far as we are concerned."


FBI Tracked "Fake News" From Russia On Election Day. In an exclusive, CNN (8/4, Prokupecz, Brown, Perez) reports that on Election Day last year, "dozens" of agents and analysts at the Federal Bureau of Investigation "huddled at a command center arrayed with large monitoring screens at the FBI headquarters in Washington watching for security threats, according to multiple sources," and "monitored social media...in an effort to track a suspected Russian disinformation campaign utilizing 'fake news.'"

 CNN's Situation Room (8/4, 5:06 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) crime and justice correspondent Shimon Prokupecz reported the counterintelligence analysts and investigators tracked social media activity and suspected Russian links revealing disparaging information about Hillary Clinton, "including about her health." Justice correspondent Pamela Brown said various agencies were "holding these conference calls every three hours" and that "some issues...popped up across the country," though FBI officials said no major incidents or disruptions to the vote took place and "the FBI has declined to comment on this one."

 CNN's Situation Room's (8/4, 6:06 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) Brown added "there certainly was coordination between the FBI, Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence," and that "those agencies were holding phone calls every three hours, we are told, with the team at the

Situation Room in the White House to discuss any possible problems." Prokupecz stated that the FBI also concluded or at least suspected that the fabricated stories did indeed "come from entities from places associated with Russia," though they did not "necessarily come straight out of Russia."

Congressional Staffers Traveled To London To Interview British Spy Behind Trump Dossier. Politico (8/4, Watkins) reports "two Republican House Intelligence Committee staffers traveled to London earlier this summer to track down the former British intelligence operative who compiled a controversial dossier on President Donald Trump and Russia, according to three people familiar with the matter." According to Politico, "The previously unreported trip underscores the importance of the 35 page dossier Christopher Steele wrote last year to congressional probes into possible collusion between Moscow and the 2016 Trump campaign." Politico says the trip has "inflamed simmering tensions between House and Senate investigators" since "House Intelligence Committee Republicans did not tell Democrats on the panel, the Senate Intelligence Committee nor special counsel Robert Mueller's office that the investigators were pursuing Steele."

Rep. Andre Carson told  CNN's Situation Room (8/4, 5:20 p.m. EDT, Blitzer) he "was deeply disappointed" that Republican staff members did not inform Democratic staff members about their efforts to discuss the dossier with its author. Carson asserted, "If we're really concerned about digging into keeping America safe, we have to work together, both Republican staffers and Democratic staffers." He did not say whether he believed the Republican staffers tried to discredit the dossier, but lamented "it certainly causes me great discomfort."

Emails Show NYTimes, WPost Reporters "Less Than Enthusiastic" About Covering Clinton-Lynch Meeting. The Washington Examiner (8/4, Scarry) reports "the non profit American Center for Law and Justice published emails Friday that showed reporters" from the New York Times and Washington Post asking Justice Department officials about "the controversial private meeting between then Attorney General Loretta Lynch and former President Bill Clinton just months ahead of the 2016 election." The Examiner says that based on the emails, the reporters seem "less than enthusiastic about covering" the meeting.

Experts Warn Trump "An Easy Mark" For Foreign Spies. "Trump is proving to be an easy read for foreign intelligence services gauging how his mind works," McClatchy (8/4, Johnson) reports, according to former intelligence officials, as "the steady stream of tweets flowing from Trump's phone and the leak this week of candid conversations he's had with two foreign leaders throw open a window on Trump's views of the world, his moods and sensitivities." Former CIA director Michael Hayden said, "The president's tweets are an absolute gold mine of personal, detailed information on his personality and his emotional state." Meanwhile, McClatchy says that while "it would be tempting to believe that senior intelligence officials opposed to Trump may be leaking secret information to the Washington Post and New York Times," Hayden and other experts "cautioned against assuming the provenance of leaks." Hayden added, "I have consistently been emphasizing that the leak of intelligence information does not

necessarily mean that the leaker is from the intelligence community."

Reuters Analysis: Trump, Pence Seemingly Disconnected On Russia. In an analysis, Reuters (8/4, Rampton) says while Vice President Pence pushed for new US sanctions against Russia during his four day tour of Estonia, Georgia, and Montenegro this week, President Trump "took to Twitter to complain that the sanctions legislation, which he grudgingly signed, would send U.S. Russia relations to 'an all time & very dangerous low.'" However, Jarrod Agen, Pence's deputy chief of staff, insisted Trump and Pence are "completely aligned" on the issue of Russia. "It was the president's decision to send the vice president to the region. It was the president's decision to deliver the message that the vice president delivered," Agen asserted. Reuters also describes the apparent disconnect as "an anomaly," and added that Pence typically "goes to lengths to emphasize his loyalty to his boss and to downplay any differences."

Veselnitskaya Recounts Meeting With Trump Jr. The Washington Times (8/4, Sands) reports Natalia Veselnitskaya, "the Russian lawyer whose June 2016 meeting with Donald Trump Jr. and other top Trump campaign officials has become a prime focus of the Russian election collusion probe," in a 10 minute interview with Russian news program Vesti "den[ied] the meeting involved Hillary Clinton or the U.S. campaign, adding the congressional probes into the scandal are not interested in hearing her side of the story," according to the Moscow Times on Friday. Instead, Veselnitskaya "said she sought the meeting as part of her efforts to help Russian businessman Denis Katsyv, a client who was accused of money laundering after the U.S. imposed new financial sanctions on Moscow in 2012." Veselnitskaya asserted the meeting "had nothing to do with [then candidate Donald Trump's] rivals or the presidential election. ... That never happened. That's not true."

German Foreign Minister: New US Sanctions On Russia "More Than Problematic." Reuters (8/4, Martin, Nasr) reports German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel said Friday that new US sanctions against Russia "more than problematic" because "the draft law makes clear that they're pursuing economic interests and we think that's not acceptable." He added, "Aggressively combining foreign policy issues with American economic interests and saying: we want to drive Russian gas out of the European market so we can sell American gas there is definitely not something we can accept."

In an analysis headlined "Who Loses The Most In U.S. Russia Sanctions Fight," Bloomberg News (8/4, Arnold) says that whereas the sanctions impact on the Russian economy seems "less than dramatic, from all appearances," the EU in contrast "could suffer collateral damage." Bloomberg also notes that Russia is also expelling US diplomats and their families in retaliation.

Marcus Pledges Columns Castigating Trump "Will Continue Until The Danger Subsides." In her Washington Post (8/4, Marcus) column, which is titled "Trump Is A One man Assault On The Rule Of Law," Ruth Marcus condemns the President for his reaction to learning that Mueller has impaneled a grand jury. She asserts that Trump dominates the topic of her columns because "his behavior is so extreme and so dangerous that to respond only episodically and occasionally is to risk allowing it to appear acceptable." Marcus concludes

"outrageous words and outrageous actions require expressions of outrage in return, each and every time. That will continue until the danger subsides."

Pence Calls Report That He Is Readying A 2020 Campaign "Laughable And Absurd."

In a Sunday morning statement, Vice President Pence strongly rebuked a New York Times report that he may be laying the groundwork for a 2020 presidential run. Most reporting is brief and focuses on the statement, but several commentators expressed skepticism via Twitter, and Politico's Josh Dawsey tweeted, "Some in/close to Trump world perplexed by Pence statement pushing back on NYT story. 'He's just fueling the fire,' one adviser said."

On NBC Nightly News (8/6, story 3, 1:25, Snow), Kelly O'Donnell reported that on Sunday, "the adrenaline out of the Trump Administration came from...Pence after a New York Times report described a shadow campaign for 2020" with Pence as a possible presidential candidate. In a "lengthy rebuke, the Vice President called the assertions 'disgraceful and offensive to me,' 'laughable and absurd,' and pledged his efforts to see" the President reelected.

On ABC World News Tonight (8/6, story 3, 0:35), Tom Llamas said, "Given the President's current predicament, a growing number of Republicans are already testing the waters for a possible presidential run in 2020. And the Vice President is shooting down reports he's one of them." The CBS Weekend News (8/6, story 3, 0:20, Quijano) reported that Pence "strongly denied" the Times report. The New York Times (8/6, Baker) reports, "Danielle Rhoades Ha, a Times spokeswoman, said in response: 'We are confident in the accuracy of our reporting and will let the story speak for itself.'"

The AP (8/6, Lucey) reports that the Times article "notes Pence's political schedule and active fundraising, though it also says unnamed advisers have signaled that he'd only run if Trump doesn't." The Times also reported that Pence "raised about \$1 million at a Washington fundraiser last month" for his own fundraising committee. USA Today (8/6, Gaudiano) reports that the Times "says Pence's schedule is so full of political events that Republicans joke he's 'acting more like a second term vice president hoping to clear the field' for 2020."

Sahil Kapur of Bloomberg News tweeted, "Pence is remarkably defensive about that NYT piece. He knows how sensitive POTUS is about even a hint or a perception of loyalty breach." Bill Kristol tweeted, "It's bold of Team Pence to plant the front page NYT story on plans for 2020, then object vociferously. Multi dimensional chess!" Columnist Clarence Page tweeted, "Does VP Pence protest too much???"

The Los Angeles Times (8/6, King) writes that "the vehemence" of Pence's statement "underscored how sensitive the White House is to any questioning of whether Trump will seek a second term." The Washington Post (8/6, Wagner) reports that Kellyanne Conway told ABC "that she has 'zero concern' about a 2020 campaign by Pence." Conway said on ABC's This Week (8/6), "It is absolutely true the Vice President is getting ready for 2020 – for reelection as vice president."

Reuters (8/6, Cornwell) writes that while Pence is "a Trump loyalist, and there is typically little distinction between his public statements and the policies of the president...as investigations deepen" into Russia's alleged role in the 2016 election, Pence "has put some distance" between himself and the President "on the best way to approach Moscow."

Kelly Tells White House Staff To Put Country Before Trump, Warns Against Leaks.

Bloomberg News (8/6, Jacobs, Talev) reports that in a meeting with about 200 White House aides on his fifth day as White House chief of staff, John Kelly "spelled out in blunt terms the way things are going to work in the West Wing he now oversees." Kelly told those gathered that "they all work for the president now...and they had to act as one team." Kelly added that "he expects all of them to put country first, the president second, and their own needs and priorities last." Citing the Bloomberg report, the Washington Examiner (8/6, Siciliano) says Kelly was "adamant that passing along even a small innocuous bit of classified information to someone without clearance constitutes a crime." Kelly "is also reining in the president in imposing new oversight to constrain Trump's Twitter account by offering advice on how to mitigate his often inflammatory tweets." However, "Trump has made clear that he reserves the right to ignore advice on tweeting."

In her Washington Post (8/6) column, Margaret Sullivan questions whether Kelly can "take on the hardest job of all – hacking through the thicket of lies that the Trump White House produces," and argues that "the prospects for that are grim." Sullivan adds that Kelly "may well be Trump's best hope for saving the White House from utter chaos," but "a grounding in reality – yes, truth – needs to be a part of that salvation."

"Face the Nation" host John Dickerson said on the CBS Weekend News (8/6, story 2, 1:35, Quijano) that "the reviews from [Kelly's] first week are good, both because General Kelly has been able to tighten up the White House staff, having meetings in which basically, he gets everybody moving in the same direction. He has gotten some of the fight of the egos, apparently in line, it's only been one week of course. And then his other challenge which he seems to be making some inroads on is, how to manage up, which is to say working with the President, a President who loves improvisation, but who is in a job where it is very hard to improvise and not cause chaos."

House Democrats From Border Districts Alarmed Over DHS Waiving Environmental Laws To Build Wall.

The Hill (8/4, Marcos) reports five House Democrats representing districts along the US Mexico border raised concerns on Friday that the Trump Administration's plan "to waive certain environmental laws to build a wall could hurt wildlife." The Department of Homeland Security "announced earlier this week that it will use its authority under a 2005 law to bypass laws and regulations when necessary for enhancing infrastructure along the border." The Hill says the waiver "applies only to a 15 mile segment around San Diego" and "exempts projects to build

infrastructure like fencing or a wall from laws like the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act and Safe Drinking Water Act." Reps. Vicente González and Beto O'Rourke wrote a letter to Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Duke asking whether DHS was extending its authority over other areas of the southwestern border. Reps. Henry Cuellar, Filemon Vela, Lloyd Doggett and Joaquin Castro also signed the letter.

Collins: Keeping Up Pretense About Trump's Border Wall Will Mean Money Wasted. In her New York Times (8/4, Collins) column, Gail Collins writes that every day it seems like there is "a new dramatic development" regarding President Trump's border wall. This includes revelations his recent move to bar transgender people from the military was about "getting money to start building" the wall. Collins says Trump's vision for the wall keeps shifting and that it is unclear whether he thinks a wall "would do any good." She says "he certainly believes it makes him look good" and that "its all about image." She argues there is a "minimal" change the \$20 billion wall will be built and that "keeping up pretenses will mean an enormous waste of money and effort."

Axios' Swan: Government May Shut Down Over Border Wall Funding Fight.

Jonathan Swan of Axios (8/6) reports that "sources inside and close to Republican Hill leadership...say there's a good chance of a government shutdown before the end of the year because of deep rifts over spending priorities. No one sees" President Trump's proposed US Mexico border wall "getting much more than a symbolic nod." Swan writes that congressional leaders "have discussed ways to get Trump 'enough' on border security so he feels they're making enough progress to sign their funding bills," but the President "will accept no substitutes to a huge, long, physical wall, which he believes his voters viscerally want."

Infrastructure Borrowing Down As State, Local Governments Await Federal Plan.

Reuters (8/6, Respaut, Russ) says that while President Trump took office "having promised a bold \$1 trillion infrastructure investment plan over 10 years," the Administration "has produced few details on the future of federal infrastructure funding, one reason why state and municipal governments have issued fewer bonds to improve roads, water systems and other projects so far in 2017." According to James Grabovac, a managing director at McDonnell Investment Management, "state and local governments may be 'reluctant to engage in long term infrastructure financing given that there's a promise of a trillion dollar federal investment program somewhere on the horizon.'" Reuters adds that the lack of "infrastructure related bond issuance has left a 'bond picker's market,' with more buyers than sellers."

NYTimes: Trump's Infrastructure Promise "Hollow As A Pothole." In an editorial, the New York Times (8/6) calls Trump's campaign promise of "a \$1 trillion investment" in infrastructure "one of the few practical job building promises of the Trump presidential campaign," but adds that it is "turning out to be as hollow as a pothole" as Republicans "now concede that a fully detailed plan

might not surface from the administration until next year, if ever."

WSJournal A1: Regulator Penalties On Wall Street Down In Trump's First Six Months.

The Wall Street Journal (8/6, A1, Eaglesham, Michaels, Dougherty) reports in a front page analysis that in the first six months of the Trump Administration, Wall Street regulators have imposed lower penalties than in the first six months of 2016. Lawyers who defend financial cases attribute the decline to a more business friendly agency stance under President Trump as well as delays due to the change in administrations and a slowing of cases from the financial crisis.

The Wall Street Journal (8/6) argues in an editorial that acting US Attorney Joon Kim made the right decision in dismissing charges against former J.P. Morgan Chase traders Javier Martin Artajo and Julien Grout.

Cohn: US Must Cut Corporate Tax Rate To Below 23 Percent.

Bloomberg News (8/4, Leondis) reports National Economic Council Director Cohn in a Bloomberg TV interview Friday "suggested that the U.S. must cut its corporate tax rate by at least a third to compete with other developed countries." Cohn asserted, "We cannot be substantially higher than the OECD average tax rate," which is about 23 percent. Cohn added, "We've got to get in line with the rest of the world, we've got to entice capital to be invested in the United States." Cohn said, "My No. 1 priority for now until the end of the year is taxes. My second priority is taxes. And if you're confused, my third priority is taxes." According to Bloomberg, "Cohn's comments...may signal President Donald Trump's call for a 15 percent corporate rate – which would represent a far larger cut – is a starting point for negotiations as the administration and congressional tax writers begin drafting legislation."

Short: White House "Confident" Democrats Will Support Tax Reform. "Worried about the Republican Senate's inability to deliver on big campaign promises, the White House and its allies are making a strong push to get at least three vulnerable Senate Democrats to back the administration's tax reform agenda," McClatchy (8/4, Clark) reports, according to White House Director of Legislative Affairs Marc Short, who said, "We are confident right now that we will be able to earn [Democrats'] support with our tax reform agenda." Short added the White House has "learned how difficult it is to thread the needle with 52 senators." McClatchy notes "Republicans were particularly cheered when Democratic Sens. Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Manchin of West Virginia declined to sign a Senate Democratic caucus letter to Trump and congressional leaders detailing what is not acceptable in a tax plan, notably a tax cut for the top 1 percent of Americans. Every other Democrat and the two senators who caucus with them signed the letter."

Administration Is Considering Lowering Mortgage Deduction. Politico (8/4, Wilhelm) reports that "despite promises from the Trump administration in April that it would 'protect the homeownership...deductions,' multiple sources tracking tax reform said that the cap on the mortgage interest deduction – currently set at the interest on up to \$1 million of mortgage debt – could be lowered in tax

reform." Politico says such an action "would be a slap in the face to an industry that strongly supported President Donald Trump during his presidential bid." According to Politico, Cohn "and his lead deputy on tax reform, Shahira Knight," presided over a White House roundtable on tax reform on Monday and one attendee said, "'They're willing to ruffle some feathers. ... Everything was on the table,' including capping the deduction that the Trump administration has said it would preserve."

Hatch: Attaining Trump's Tax Reform Goals Would Be "Miraculous." The New York Post (8/6, Schultz) reports that Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch said in Sunday that "it would be 'miraculous' if President Trump could achieve his lower tax brackets for Americans." On Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures," Hatch "cast doubt on the ability of Congress to pass legislation to lower tax rates to 10 percent, 25 percent and 35 percent." Said Hatch, "If we could get to those rates that would be miraculous." Hatch likewise, "poured cold water on Trump's plans to lower the corporate tax rate to 15 percent," saying, "We'd be lucky if we could get the corporate tax rate down to 20 percent, even 25 percent. ... But we're going to try. We're going to have to have some Democrat help to do it, so far that hasn't been materializing." Hatch also "said the wealthy shouldn't be optimistic either," warning, "They're not going to get anything – hardly anything – out of any tax reform that we do."

Samuelson: Economic Growth Predictions Should Be Viewed With Skepticism. In his Washington Post (8/6) column, Robert J. Samuelson writes that the White House's projected annual inflation adjusted 3 percent GDP growth over the next decade should be viewed with some skepticism, noting that many economists assert that an aging population and slumping productivity will contribute to slower growth in the coming years. Samuelson adds, however, that observers generally should view economists' predictions of productivity with a degree of doubt because economists "have failed to predict major productivity changes" in the past. He concludes that the growth debate's larger significance is that growth will not likely support the White House's budget ambitions and that the country "can no longer grow" its way "out of serious conflicts."

US Formally Notifies UN Of Withdrawal From Paris Climate Deal.

The Financial Times (8/6, Crooks) reported that on Friday, the US State Department submitted notification to the UN that the US will withdraw from the Paris climate agreement, formalizing President Donald Trump's June announcement.

Obama Administration Spent Over \$300,000 On Climate Change Museum.

Breitbart (8/5, Starr) reports the Obama Administration spent over \$300,000 to create a climate change museum in Washington, DC in its final days. Breitbart says that according to the Washington Post, the museum was a "pet project" of former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, and was designed to focus on "an Obama administration centric narrative." Nancy Grantham, the EPA employee that brought the museum to the attention of the Trump Administration, conceded that many of the museum's panels focused on the prior Administration

and climate change may "be altered and possibly shelved."

Editorial Wrap-Up

New York Times.

"Trying To Make America A Little Better." In an editorial, the New York Times (8/6) calls President Trump's campaign promise of "a \$1 trillion investment" in infrastructure "one of the few practical job building promises of the Trump presidential campaign," but adds that it is "turning out to be as hollow as a pothole" as Republicans "now concede that a fully detailed plan might not surface from the administration until next year, if ever."

"Trump Embraces A Senseless Immigration Proposal." In an editorial, the New York Times (8/7, Board) says a bill introduced by Republican Sens. Tom Cotton and David Perdue "would slash the total number of green cards issued by 41 percent in the first year and by 50 percent in the 10th year, with most of the cuts coming from family based immigration." President Trump has endorsed the proposal, but the Times argues it "would do nothing to solve the country's immigration and economic challenges." Instead of taking a hostile position on immigration, the Times says, a better approach "to immigration reform would be bipartisan and comprehensive," and "include stronger enforcement, better worker protections and a pathway to citizenship for the country's 11 million unauthorized immigrants."

Washington Post.

"Does The Nation Still Need Affirmative Action?" In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/6) writes that the racial makeup of university students has changed modestly in recent years, with African American enrollment increasing from 32 to 35 percent from 2003 to 2015, Latino enrollment increasing from 24 percent to 37 percent, and white enrollment increasing by 15 percent. With these figures in mind in the context of the Justice Department's examination into affirmative action policies, the Post argues that a wider federal effort "challenging affirmative action policies would represent a drastic change in the department's priorities and, if the idea was to protect whites, a perversion of civil rights law meant to protect disadvantaged minority groups."

"Police Chiefs Need The Freedom To Weed Out Bad Cops." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/6) writes that police chiefs should have the authority to fire officers in their ranks guilty of misconduct without the heavy influence of arbitrators pushing the reinstatement of problem officers following appeals required by union contracts. Although the Post acknowledges that "some of the responsibility for having to reinstate undesirable officers falls on police agencies that make careless errors during disciplinary proceedings," it adds that there is "a tilt in the system that makes it difficult to hold officers accountable for bad acts."

"Trump Promised A Trade War. Here's What He's Doing Instead." In an editorial, the Washington Post (8/6) writes that the Administration's NAFTA negotiation objectives laid out in a July 17 report to Congress "were in many respects necessary and proper" despite the President's past rhetoric towards the

trade agreement. The Post adds that trade experts say the negotiating blueprint has many similarities to the objectives established in the TPP talks but does include a harmful provision calling for the elimination of Chapter 19 of NAFTA's dispute resolution mechanism – a provision the Post concludes would constitute a "dealbreaker" for Canada.

Wall Street Journal.

"The United Auto Workers Lose Again." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (8/6) writes that the 2 to 1 vote late last week at a Canton, Mississippi Nissan plant against unionizing under the United Automobile Workers marks a defeat for a campaign characterized by race baiting and for an effort to effect stifling work rules on a factory that has created jobs and lifted wages in the community. The Journal concludes that the reason for the UAW's failure to organize workers in the South is that workers increasingly think that a union does not offer much and places their jobs at risk against global competition.

"The Morgan Whale That Got Away." The Wall Street Journal (8/6) argues in an editorial that acting US Attorney Joon Kim made the right decision in dismissing charges against former J.P. Morgan Chase traders Javier Martin Artajo and Julien Grout.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:

Recess, Full Plate Keep Heat On GOP Lawmakers

Penalties Against Wall Street Are Down Sharply In 2017

Egypt's Leader Makes A Risky Bet On The Healing Power Of Economic Pain

North Korea Sanctions Race With Pyongyang's Missile Development

New York Times:

Under Trump, Coal Mining Gets New Life On US Lands

US Troops Train In Eastern Europe To Echoes Of The Cold War

Bill De Blasio Will Push For Tax On Wealthy To Fix Subway

Take The Generic, Patients Are Told. Until They Are Not.

Weaning Itself From Elephant Ivory, China Turns To Mammoths

Diplomats Question Tactics Of Tillerson, The Executive Turned Secretary Of State

Washington Post:

Administration Offers Scant Details On ACA Enrollment

Trapped, Jobless And Bored: Gaza's Wasted Generation

Fix For Schools Remains Elusive

Republican Governors Stir Tension On Policing

North Korea Can Show It's Ready For Negotiations By Stopping Missile Launches

Financial Times:

US Haul From Credit Crisis Bank Fines Hits \$150bn

German Party Hit By 'Dieselgate' Whitewash Claims

Washington Times:

'This Is A War': Trump Goes On Offensive To Spread Distrust Of Mueller Investigation

Trump's Deals In Russia Once Encouraged Even By Clintons Now Under Scrutiny

Trump's Former Las Vegas Cohorts Gird For Battle To Stop His Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Plan

After U.S. Experience, Germans Brace For Russian Election Mischief And Fake News

DeVos Dedicated To Empowering Local Schools Against Federal Bureaucracy With Republican Turnaround, State Legislatures Now Foil Liberal Ballot Measures

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: Severe Weather; WH Russia Meddling Investigation; Vice President Pence 2020 Campaign Comment; Ohio Escapee Manhunt; Australia US Marines Accident; Italy UK Model Abduction Attempt; Florida Sinkhole; Taylor Swift DJ Groping Lawsuit; Eiffel Tower Terror Scare; California Chemical Leak; Ohio State Fair Ride Accident; Wingsuit Video; Maine Lobstermen.

CBS: North Korea UN Sanctions; WH Staff Shakeup Expert Comment; Vice President Pence 2020 Campaign Comment; Australia US Marines Accident; Sanctuary Cities Crack Down; Severe Weather; US College Affirmative Actions; Chicago Gun Violence; Drinking Water Safety; Teenage Drivers Risk; Ocean Mammals Approach Ban.

NBC: Severe Weather; North Korea US Responses; Vice President Pence 2020 Campaign Comment; WH Russia Meddling Investigation; NATO Russia Tension; Minnesota Mosque Bombing; Philly Inbound Flight Severe Turbulence; Ohio State Fair Ride Accident; Cross Border Dental Care; Commercials Racial Biases; Girls' Baseball Team.

Network TV At A Glance:

Severe Weather – 5 minutes, 45 seconds

North Korea Missile Test Responses – 4 minutes, 50 seconds

WH Russia Meddling Investigation – 4 minutes

Vice President Pence 2020 Campaign Comment – 2 minutes, 20 seconds

Australia US Marines Accident – 1 minute, 55 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:

ABC: Sanctuary Cities Crack Down; North Korea Missile Test Responses; Justice Dept Intel Leaks; Ohio State Fair Ride Accident.

CBS: North Korea Missile Test Responses; Vice President Pence 2020 Campaign Comment; Sanctuary Cities Crack Down; Minnesota Mosque Bombing; Wall Street News.

FOX: North Korea Missile Test Responses; Vice President Pence 2020 Campaign Comment; Severe Weather; Minnesota Mosque Bombing.

NPR: Sanctuary Cities Crack Down; Israel Al Jazeera Ban; Minnesota Mosque Bombing; Vice President Pence 2020 Campaign Comment; Trump South Korea Call.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:

PRESIDENT TRUMP — No public events scheduled.

VICE PRESIDENT PENCE — Has lunch with Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos; participates in a meet and greet with Department of Education staff.

US Senate: On Recess until 5 September.

US House: On Recess until 5 September.

Other: Congressional Budget Office releases 'Monthly Budget Review for July 2017' report Location: TBD www.cbo.gov/ <https://twitter.com/USCBO>

Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

No late night talk show aired on Sunday night.

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The Texas think tank filling out Trump's energy, environment team

By Ben Lefebvre

10/16/2017 05:00 AM EDT

The nomination of Kathleen Hartnett White to lead the White House's Council on Environmental Quality makes her the third member of a conservative Texas think tank to land a prominent energy or environmental job in the Trump administration.

That think tank, the Texas Public Policy Foundation, was closely tied to Energy Secretary Rick Perry during his years as governor. And though it sometimes skewed too far to the right for even some Texas GOP members, it's finding success in filling prominent positions overseeing oil and gas rules and federal enforcement of environmental standards.

"It seems to be there is expertise outside of D.C.," said Heritage Foundation research fellow Nick Loris. "In some sense, it's refreshing to get some folks from outside the bubble."

The foundation's rising profile appears to reflect the mutual disdain between Trump and D.C.-establishment Republicans, which has prompted the White House to search further afield for staff, said Brian Roberts, a University of Texas professor specializing in political institutions and interest groups.

"Texas is a very large state that's been under Republican control for a generation, so it hardly seems far fetched that there might be some conservative policy talent here," Roberts said. "Couple that with the fact that the Trump administration is going out of its way to avoid 'establishment' talent — those most likely to be resting comfortably in D.C.-area think tanks — it makes even more sense that we find them fishing for talent outside the swamp."

As head of the CEQ, White would help guide federal environmental initiatives and develop the administration's policies on issues such as implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act, the landmark 1970 law that requires environmental analyses for federal projects.

But she's drawn sharp criticism for her unconventional views, including her stance that carbon emissions are harmless.

"Appointing a climate denier and friend of the fossil fuel industry like [White] to such a vital environmental policy position is a complete joke," said Gene Karpinski, president of the League of Conservation Voters.

White, who also chaired the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, pressed "the moral case" for fossil fuels in a 2014 [paper](#) for the Foundation, arguing that coal, oil and gas should not be moved aside for "inferior energy sources" given their role in spurring the Industrial Revolution. And in a controversial 2014 [blog post](#), she credited the rise of fossil fuels with helping to end slavery.

The TPPF first set up shop in Texas in 1989 to push the issue of school vouchers in the state. It has since gotten behind [policies](#) that, among other things, would repeal all Texas taxes except a sales tax, and has called for a convention of states to rewrite parts of the U.S. Constitution. It also seeks to end state-backing of programs curbing greenhouse gas emissions and boosting renewable energy.

"Our founder's goal almost 30 years ago was to produce Heritage-caliber research on Texas issues," said Alicia Pierce, TPP spokeswoman, referring to the Heritage Foundation. "As we've realized so many state policies are hamstrung by federal actions, we've started to explore those angles in a way that supplements the work done by our friends such as Heritage, not to encroach on their work."

Heritage, for its part, has welcomed the the Texas group's growing role, and it hosted a TPPF-sponsored event in Washington. The group has also recommended experts for panel discussions, Loris said.

The TPPF flourished during Rick Perry's record-long stint as Texas governor, and Perry's policies and [budgets](#) often followed the direction of Foundation policy papers, Texas political analysts said. TPPF Chief Executive [Brooke Rollins](#) served as Perry's deputy general counsel and later his policy director in Austin. [Chip Roy](#), another Foundation expert, was Perry's senior adviser in Texas, as well as a staff member for Republican Sens. [John Cornyn](#) and [Ted Cruz](#).

"A lot of Republican leaders here in Texas take their cues from a small selection of conservative think-tanks, and the TPPF is one of them," said Adrian Shelley, director for the Texas branch of government watchdog Public Citizen.

The relationship with Perry's administration helped the Foundation attract donors. By the time Perry finished his 15-year tenure as governor, the Foundation's annual revenue had grown tenfold, to nearly \$11 million in 2015, according to [IRS filings](#).

The ties with Perry were strong enough that the foundation even [named](#) a part of the \$20 million headquarters it built in Austin in 2015 the "Governor Rick Perry Liberty Balcony." Its website also [offered](#) Perry as an expert available for interviews.

An Energy Department spokesman did not reply to questions about Perry's relationship with the Foundation.

Another TPPF alumnus called to make the jump to Washington is Susan Combs, a former Texas comptroller under Perry, who is [awaiting](#) Senate approval to become Interior's assistant secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget.

Democrats are sure to probe Combs' long-running fight to against the Endangered Species Act. During her tenure as Texas comptroller, a little-noticed amendment to a state spending bill [empowered](#) her office to manage the Texas Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species list. Combs used that power to help block the FWS from designating as an endangered species the dunes sagebrush lizard, a small reptile that lives mainly in the oil-rich Permian Basin in west Texas.

The decision was made over the protest of a career FWS scientist who was subsequently transferred out of the state, according to a whistleblower [complaint](#) the scientist filed in 2014.

Combs, whose [website](#) offers her as a public speaker on topics such as "Winning the Battle Over Regulatory Issues Under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA)," was unavailable for comment.

Trump has also tapped Doug Domenech to be Interior's assistant secretary of Insular Areas. He joined the TPPF in 2015 as director of the think tank's Fueling Freedom Project, [billed](#) as a way "to combat the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Clean Power Plan" and "push back against the EPA's onerous regulatory agenda that threatens America's economy, prosperity, and well-being."

Domenech has also [praised](#) a booklet written by Dr. Roy Warren Spencer, a climate change denialist who has also questioned the theory of evolution. Separate from the Foundation, Domenech has written for the Capital Research Center, a group that has [argued](#) that carbon dioxide is harmless and regulating would destroy jobs. Domenech said in Senate testimony that he doesn't "minimize that the climate is changing," but he has also [written](#) that the change is "in very small ways."

Domenech was also Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources for four years up to January 2014, who's emails contained an unusual footer message: "It's OK to print this email. Paper is a Biodegradable, Renewable, Sustainable product made from trees and recycled paper. Growing and harvesting trees provides jobs for millions of men and women."

Domenech and White were not available for comment.

Perry's successor, Gov. Greg Abbott, has remained close to the group, and some of TPPF board members have bankrolled challenges to lawmakers who blanch at implementing many of its conservative policy proposals. But other Texas Republicans have been wary of whether the group pushes ideological stances over sound policy, including its dubious claims about state spending in a bitter 2013 state budget battle.

And its argument in its effort to repeal Texas' corporate and property taxes have also raised eyebrows, said Jim Keffer, a Republican who served 20 years in the Texas Legislature before stepping down last year.

"They swing a lot of weight, no doubt about it," Keffer said of the foundation. "But I think the data is skewed. We would have had to raise our [sales] tax from six percent to 20 percent for the sales tax to do what they wanted to do as far as getting rid of all the other taxes. That would literally ruin the Texas economy."

Another problem is that while the foundation has had Texas lawmakers' ears, they haven't had much success in getting their policies passed into law, notes Scott Braddock, editor of the Quorum Report, which focuses on Texas politics. Despite school choice being its core policy issue since its founding, there remains no school voucher system in Texas, Braddock notes.

"For someone who prides himself on getting things done, there is some irony in Trump choosing folks who are increasingly legislatively ineffective in their home state and importing them to Washington," Braddock said.

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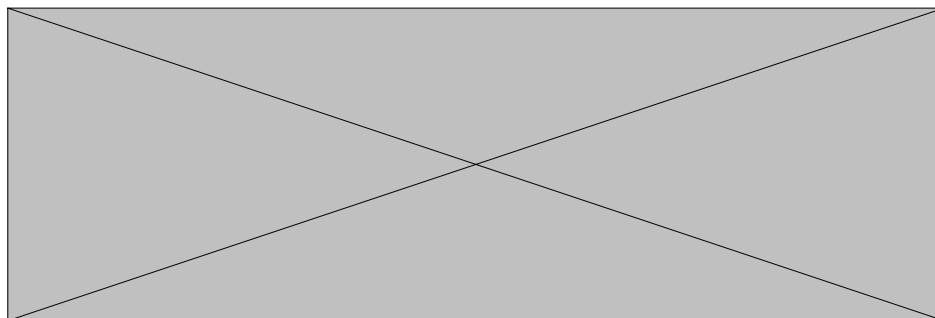
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Secretary Zinke Sends Monument Report to the White House

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke sent a draft report to the president which included his findings and recommendations on national monuments that were under review as a result of the April 26, 2017 [executive order](#). The report summary can be read [here](#). The extensive 120-day review included more than 60 meetings with hundreds of advocates and opponents of monument designations, tours of monuments conducted over air, foot, car, and horseback (including a virtual tour of a marine monument), and a thorough review of more than 2.4 million public comments submitted to the Department on [regulations.gov](#). Additionally, countless more meetings and conversations between senior Interior officials and local, state, Tribal, and non-government

stakeholders including multiple Tribal listening sessions.

The review was initiated by President Trump in order to restore trust in the multiple-use mission of the Department and to give rural communities a voice in federal land management decisions. In order to make the process transparent and give local residents and stakeholders a voice, the Secretary announced on May 5, 2017 the opening up of a formal comment period for the review, as the President directed. This was the first time ever that a formal comment period was open on regulations.gov for national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act.

“No President should use the authority under the Antiquities Act to restrict public access, prevent hunting and fishing, burden private land, or eliminate traditional land uses, unless such action is needed to protect the object,” **said Secretary Zinke.** “The recommendations I sent to the president on national monuments will maintain federal ownership of all federal land and protect the land under federal environmental regulations, and also provide a much needed change for the local communities who border and rely on these lands for hunting and fishing, economic development, traditional uses, and recreation.”

While traveling across the country, Secretary Zinke met with hundreds of local stakeholders and heard concerns about some national monuments negatively impacting things like local revenue from federal lands, agriculture, private property rights, public access to land, traditional Tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting.

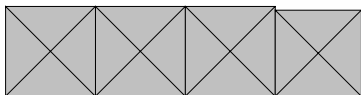
Over the 120-day review, Secretary Zinke visited eight national monument sites in six states:

- Bears Ears (UT)
- Grand Staircase Escalante (UT)
- Katahdin Woods and Waters (ME)
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
- Cascade Siskiyou (OR & CA)
- Organ Mountain Desert-Peaks (NM)
- Basin and Range (NV)
- Gold Butte (NV)

The following national monuments were announced to have been removed from review prior to the August 24 deadline:

- Craters of the Moon
- Hanford Reach
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James E. McPherson of Virginia to be General Counsel, Department of the Army. Mr. McPherson most recently served as the executive director of the National Association of Attorneys General, one of the oldest legal associations in the country, where he leads the professional association of the state, territorial, and District of Columbia Attorneys General. Mr. McPherson previously served as the General Counsel of the Department of Defense Counterintelligence Field Activity. A retired Rear Admiral, Mr. McPherson's final assignment was as the 39th Judge Advocate General of the Navy. He first gained military experience as an enlisted member of the United States Army, later being commissioned as an Ensign in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Mr. McPherson is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Meritorious Service Medal. He received his master of laws degree from the Judge Advocate General's School of the Army, his juris doctor from the University of San Diego, School of Law, and his bachelors in public administration from San Diego State University.

Preston Rutledge of the District of Columbia to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration. Mr. Rutledge currently serves as senior tax and benefits counsel on the Majority Tax Staff of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee where his responsibilities include employee benefits, retirement issues, tax-exempt organizations, health tax issues, and the tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Prior to joining the Finance Committee, Mr. Rutledge served as a senior tax law specialist on the Headquarters Staff of the Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division of the Internal Revenue Service, and as a senior technical reviewer in the Qualified Pension Plans Branch of the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. During his tenure there, he was the recipient of an Office of Chief Counsel National Award. Mr. Rutledge also served as a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and worked in private law practice as an employee benefits counselor and ERISA litigator. Mr. Rutledge earned a B.S. in business, cum laude, from the University of Idaho; J.D., with high honors, from the George Washington University School of Law, and an L.L.M. – taxation, with distinction, including a certificate in employee benefits law, from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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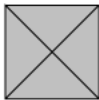
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Senate panel approves five Interior, Energy dept nominees

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Can you reach out to these folks about their speaking request?

Doug

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To: Doug Domenech <(b) (6)>

Doug,

I hope all is well for you in your new gig. I assume you may be travelling a lot to the islands correct?

Would you mind helping to follow up with Sec Zinke's office about the invitation for him to speak at Policy Orientation on February 8, 2018? Any help you could provide or direction on follow up I can take would be sincerely appreciated.

Thank you!!

Clint Nesmith

Vice President of Engagement

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From: Clint Nesmith
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:44 PM
To: 'Doug Domenech' <(b) (6)>
Cc: Chuck DeVore <cdevore@texaspolicy.com>
Subject: RE: What's the likelihood of getting Zinke out here for P.O.?

Doug,

We have received a final letter approval from Brooke for Sec Zinke. It is attached! Do you recommend we send the hard copy to his office via FedEx and could you possibly help deliver the attached soft copy to his assistant for review? How best should we proceed?

Please note that we are inviting him to speak at the breakfast on **February 8, 2018** and NOT Feb 7th as listed below.

Thanks!

Clint Nesmith

Vice President of Engagement

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From: Doug Domenech [mailto:(b) (6)]
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To: Chuck DeVore <cdevore@texaspolicy.com>
Cc: Clint Nesmith <cnesmith@texaspolicy.com>
Subject: Re: What's the likelihood of getting Zinke out here for P.O.?

I suppose it is possible. Too far out for us to know at this point. I would get the invite in. I will put a hold on the date with the Scheduler.

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On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 4:54 PM, Chuck DeVore <cdevore@texaspolicy.com> wrote:

February 7th is the main date.

Chuck DeVore

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[Proposed Caneel Bay EE-CA MOU and Timeline 9.6.17 \(ASFWPrevised\).docx](#)

Julie,

Please find attached our response letter, proposed MOU, and all previous testing reports, which have also been sent to you today via overnight mail. Also attached is a word format of the proposed MOU for you to redline, if you have any comments.

We look forward to working with you to finalize this MOU. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Aurelia Skipwith
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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Doug Domenech

Senior Advisor

US Department of the Interior

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Doug,

I sent the email below and attached CV to Lori, expressing my interest in working at DOI.

Might you be able to help?

Thank you,

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Hi Lori,

You are doing well I hear!

I served on the transition team for labor, but I am interested in working at Interior.

I know Doug Domenech, Scott Cameron, Kathy Benedetto, Todd Willens, and you, of course, to name a few.

As my attached CV indicates, I am steeped in Interior issues from my time as

(b) (6)

Might we meet to chat about possibilities?

Thank you,

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To: Brazauskas, Joseph <Joseph.Brazauskas@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: Final version of CLS remarks for Crossroads event

From: McDonald, Thea
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 8:03 PM
To: Domenech, Emily <Emily.Domenech@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Final version of CLS remarks for Crossroads event

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Subject: Final version of CLS remarks for Crossroads event

Hi all,

Please see the final version of CLS remarks for tomorrow's Crossroads event. CLS has approved this version. I will hand-deliver this copy to him tonight.

Brandon

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Brandon VerVelde
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House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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Best,
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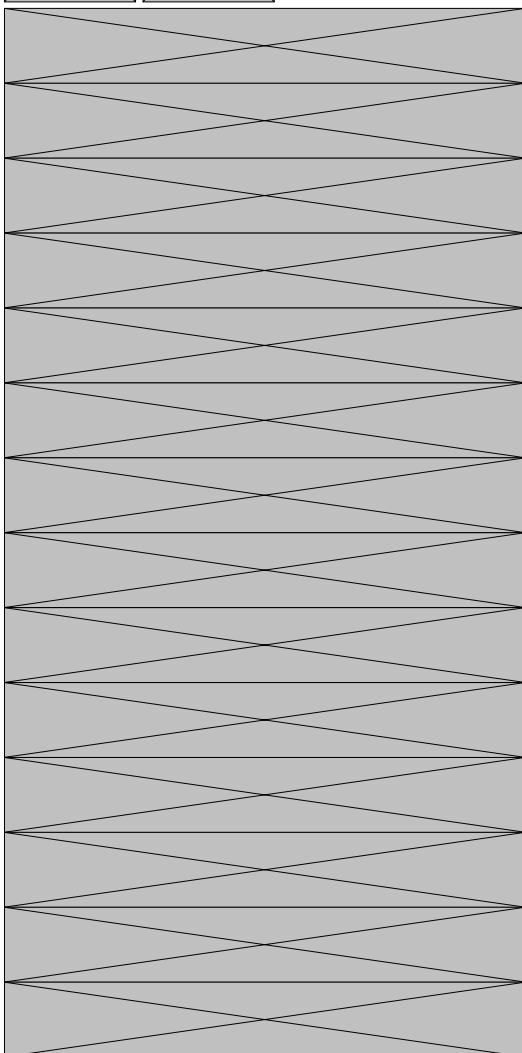
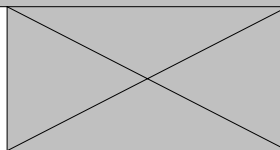
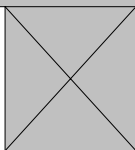
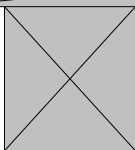
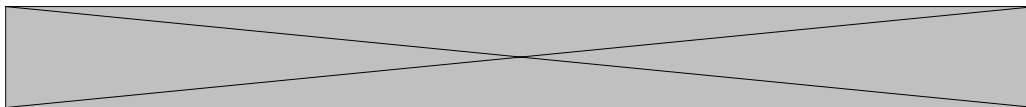
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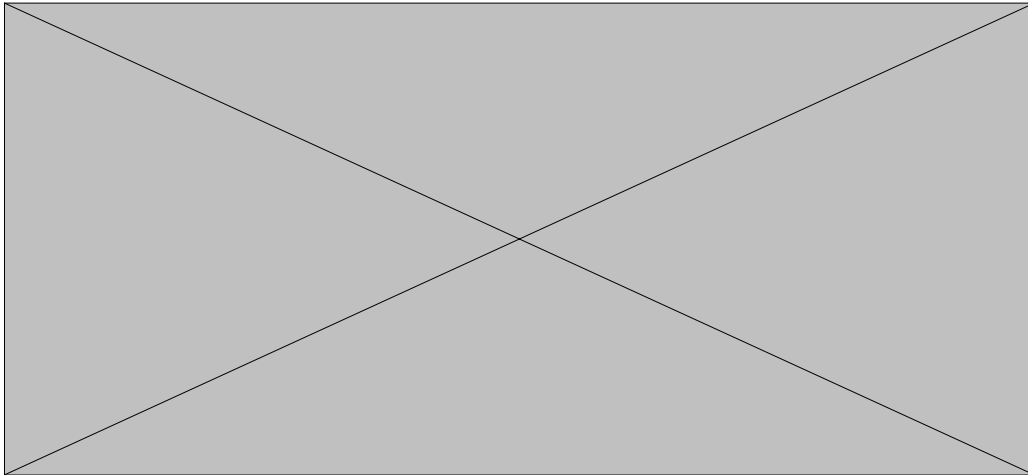
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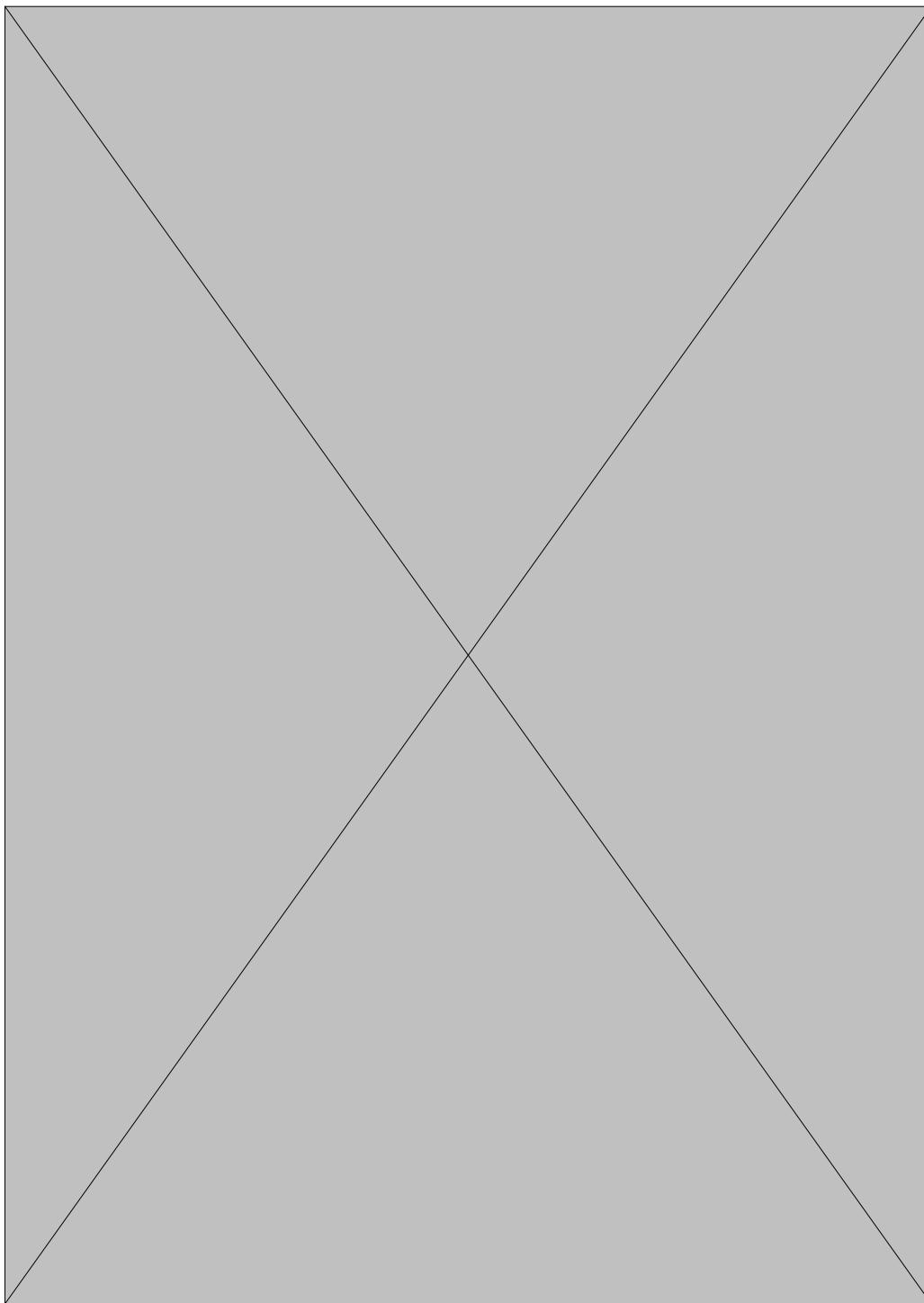
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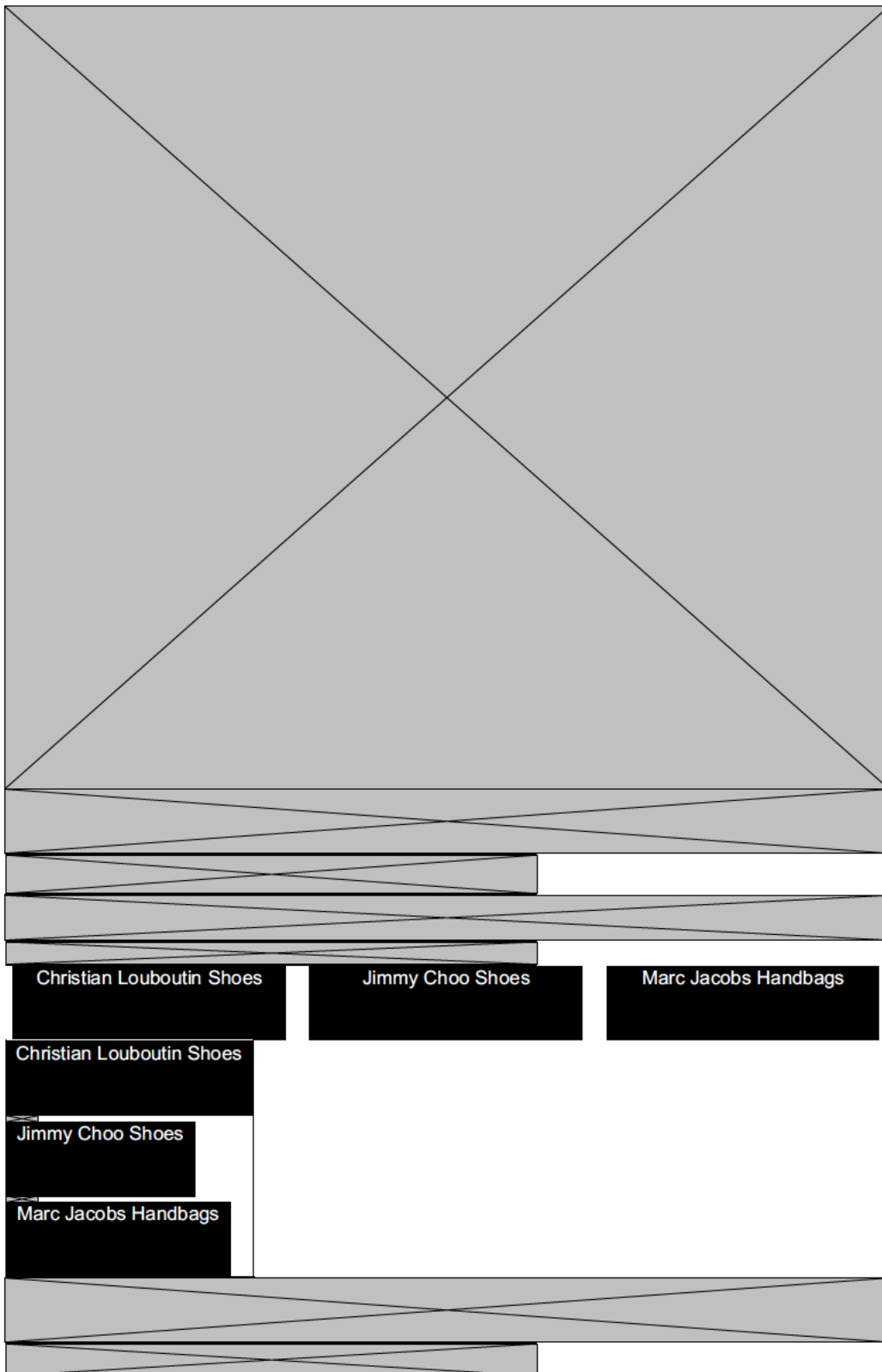
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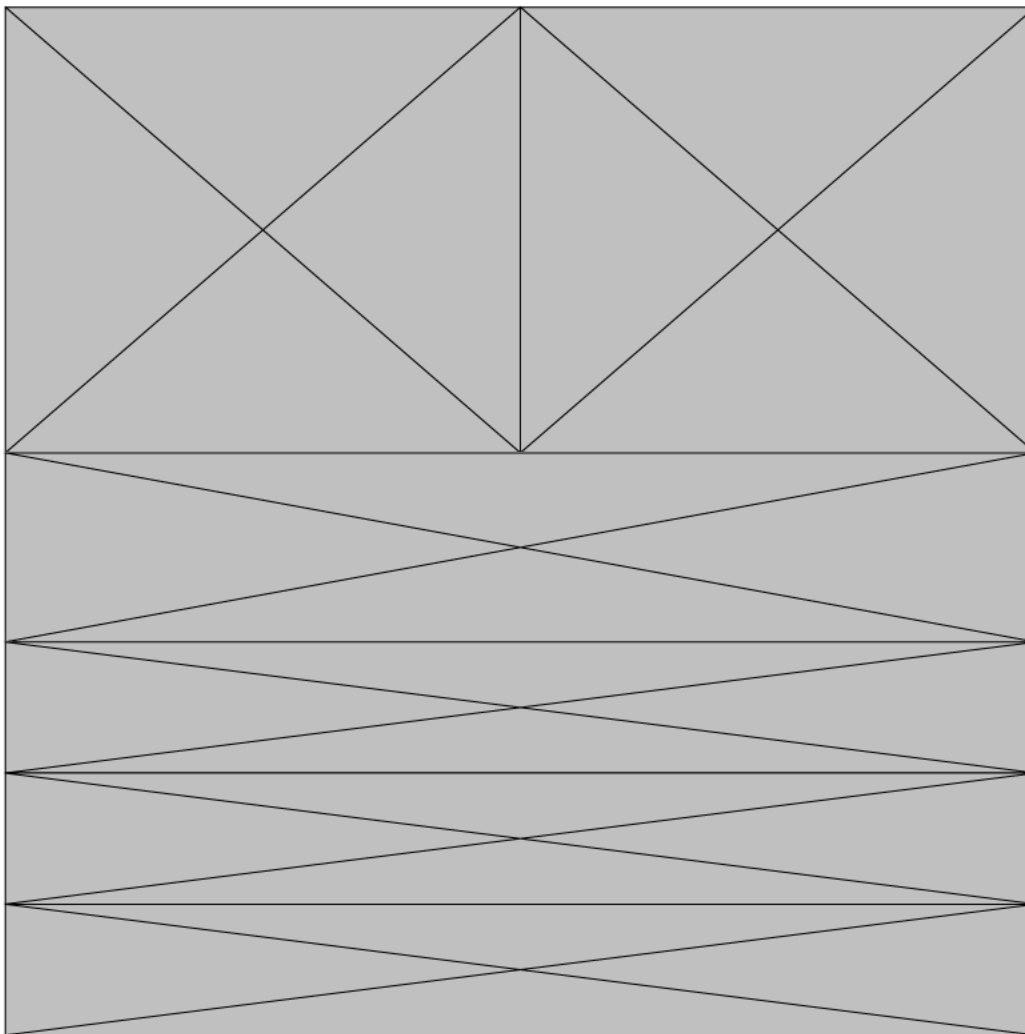
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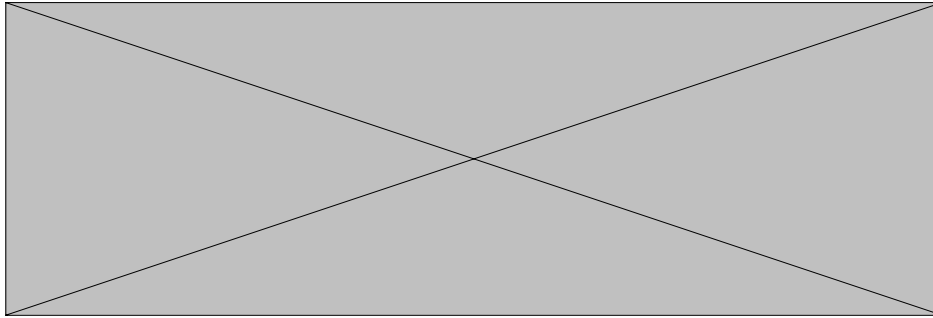
Good afternoon,

Attached you will find 3 audits, 1 evaluation, and 1 management advisory that have been sent to Congress and will be posted on doioig.gov on Wednesday, September 27.

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Secretary Zinke Sends Monument Report to the White House

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke sent a draft report to the president which included his findings and recommendations on national monuments that were under review as a result of the April 26, 2017 [executive order](#). The report summary can be read [here](#). The extensive 120-day review included more than 60 meetings with hundreds of advocates and opponents of monument designations, tours of monuments conducted over air, foot, car, and horseback (including a virtual tour of a marine monument), and a thorough review of more than 2.4 million public comments submitted to the Department on [regulations.gov](#). Additionally, countless more meetings and conversations between senior Interior officials and local, state, Tribal, and non-government stakeholders including multiple Tribal listening sessions.

The review was initiated by President Trump in order to restore trust in the multiple-use mission of the Department and to give rural communities a voice in federal land management decisions. In order to make the process transparent and give local residents and stakeholders a voice, the Secretary [announced](#) on May 5, 2017 the opening up of a formal comment period for the review, as the President directed. This was the first time ever that a formal comment period was open on [regulations.gov](#) for national monuments designated under the Antiquities Act.

“No President should use the authority under the Antiquities Act to restrict public access, prevent hunting and fishing, burden private land, or eliminate traditional land uses, unless such action is needed to protect the object,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “The recommendations I sent to the president on national monuments will maintain federal ownership of all federal land and protect the land under federal environmental regulations, and also provide a much needed change

for the local communities who border and rely on these lands for hunting and fishing, economic development, traditional uses, and recreation.”

While traveling across the country, Secretary Zinke met with hundreds of local stakeholders and heard concerns about some national monuments negatively impacting things like local revenue from federal lands, agriculture, private property rights, public access to land, traditional Tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting.

Over the 120-day review, Secretary Zinke visited eight national monument sites in six states:

- Bears Ears (UT)
- Grand Staircase Escalante (UT)
- Katahdin Woods and Waters (ME)
- Northeast Canyons and Seamounts
- Cascade Siskiyou (OR & CA)
- Organ Mountain Desert-Peaks (NM)
- Basin and Range (NV)
- Gold Butte (NV)

The following national monuments were announced to have been removed from review prior to the August 24 deadline:

- [Craters of the Moon](#)
- [Hanford Reach](#)
- [Upper Missouri River Breaks](#)
- [Grand Canyon-Parashant](#)
- [Canyons of the Ancients](#)
- [Sand to Snow](#)

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Here are 5 new DOI OIG reports that were just sent to Congress and will be going public on Monday 8/28.

1. An investigative summary into allegations that Timothy Strakosh, a Wildlife Biologist with FWS, had misused his Government-issued charge card by fraudulently charging personal expenses. We found that between 2012 and 2016, Strakosh made numerous unauthorized personal purchases using his Government charge card. Because of the nature of these charges, they were centrally billed and automatically paid by the Government. We also determined that Strakosh's charge card statements were not being reviewed as required. On January 20, 2017, Strakosh resigned his position as a Government employee. On February 8, 2017, Strakosh pled guilty to violating Title 18 USC §641, Theft of Public Money, in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. He was sentenced to 5 years of probation, and ordered to pay \$19,470.48 in restitution.
2. An investigative summary of Robert Parker, former Chief of Interpretation at National Park Service (NPS) Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site (MALU) after learning that Parker received donated funds directly from Eastern National, a cooperating association partnered with NPS. As a result, our investigation determined that Parker embezzled funds donated to MALU by Eastern National, which he then used for personal expenses. On March 8, 2017, Parker pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of Title 18 USC §641, Theft of Public Money, in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Parker was sentenced to four years of Federal probation, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,506.92, a fine of \$5,000.00, and a special assessment of \$25.00. Parker resigned from his Federal position effective March 8, 2017, and agreed to not seek future employment with the U.S. Government.
3. An investigative summary of allegations regarding the hiring of an analyst at the NPS Pacific West Regional Office (PWRO), in San Francisco, CA, and special accommodation based on friendship, as well as expenses an wrong locality pay. We substantiated everything except the friendship factor.
4. An inspection of the DOI's fulfillment of energy-specific requirements within the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EP Act). During our inspection we reviewed the 30 energy-specific sections of EP Act for which DOI has responsibility to determine if requirements outlined in those sections had been met. Within these sections, we identified 379 specific requirements. We determined these requirements were administrative in nature (e.g., reporting requirements with specific due dates and timelines) resulting from bureaus' energy research and related activities. Overall, we found that DOI fulfilled many EPAct requirements within the 30 energy specific sections.

5. An Audit of costs claimed by the State of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Department), under grants awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). We found that the Department complied, in general, with applicable grant accounting and regulatory requirements. We questioned costs and discovered funds to be put to better use totaling \$1,152,201, however, due to improper oversight and procurement practices. We also determined that the State potentially diverted license revenue by transferring \$8.9 million from an account dedicated to the management of fish and wildlife to a deferred maintenance account not protected by the State's Fish and Wildlife Code. Furthermore, several annual performance reports that the Department submitted to FWS were missing key information, and the Department did not report its subawards for posting on a website designed to promote transparency in Federal spending.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 8/24/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

NOTE: Today the Secretary will complete his review of National Monuments and submit a report to the President per the Executive Order. Press Release going out at 1 pm. The AP has already reported that Zinke will not recommend eliminating any of the 27 monuments that were reviewed.

NOTE: Today, at the request of the White House, the Secretary is traveling to Montana to view the Lolo Peak fire.

NOTE: On Friday, the National Park Service will celebrate its 101st anniversary.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary is traveling to Montana and then Tennessee.

Secretary Zinke will join Secretary Purdue in traveling to view the wildfire in the Lolo Peak National Forest in Montana. He will then fly to TN. Dinner with Sen. Alexander and Stakeholders;

THIS WEEK:

Fri. 8/25: National Park Service Founders Day events in TN and NC. Breakfast with Sen. Alexander and Stakeholders; Smokey Mountains National Park Tour and Staff; Remarks and Cake Cutting; Volunteers and Youth Corps on Rainbow Falls Trail Help Build Trail; Visit Memorial Trees at Pi Beta Phi Elementary School; Waterrock Knob Visitors Center; Greet Staff and Sen. Tillis; Mt. Pisgah; Remarks and Cut Cake; Hiking Trailhead Newfound Gap, Bryson City, NC Newfound Gap to Clingman's Dome. 9.1 miles.

Sat. 8/26: With Senator Alexander.

Status of the Deputy Secretary

TODAY: The Deputy Secretary is in Washington, DC.

Various meetings and briefings.

Bernhardt will host a meeting of CEOs on the subject of critical minerals.

Media TODAY

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White House Report (Sent Wednesday)

Press Inquiries:

- Many inquiries regarding the National Monument review.
- E&E News: REQUEST--Any reaction to Rep. Grijalva's report yesterday calling the national monuments review an "obvious sham" and asserting Sec. Zinke is not meeting/listening to the public? He said: "Secretary Zinke has toured various sites under review and has claimed to be meeting with all relevant stakeholders and listening to local input. However, media and other reports from the Secretary's trips have been critical of the selective meetings he has chosen to take and the brevity of those meetings."--RESPONSE-- The Congressman's assessment is a wild departure from reality and shouldn't be considered anything more than campaign literature paid for by extreme environmentalists whose real goal is to lock up public lands so people can't use and enjoy them. In addition to missing the mark on the point of the monument review - to give local communities a say - the Congressman's report also fails to take into account the more than 60 meetings the Secretary conducted on the ground with hundreds of local, state, Tribal, and nongovernmental stakeholders including environmental groups and Democratic members of Congress and State officials. (see a partial list for your background below). Additionally, the Congressman's claim that the review is driven by oil and gas exploration is laughable at best. The review, as was outlined in the Executive Order and the Secretary's repeated statements and interviews on the subject, is about restoring trust and giving rural communities a voice in land management decisions. Locals are concerned about losses in revenue, agriculture, hunting and fishing, private property rights, public access to land, traditional Tribal uses of the land, and timber harvesting.
- Fox News: REQUEST--Lillian LeCroy with Fox News Channel. Can you please tell me if Sec. Zinke has any public events today? Also, the Department of Interior's IG released a letter indicating they have opened up an investigation into Sec. Zinke and reports that he threatened the two Alaskan senators

over their healthcare votes. Does Sec. Zinke have any response to this?—RESPONSE—Lillian, that's an old letter that NYT just recently stumbled upon. Regarding the call, the Secretary and Senator Murkowski have a great relationship and friendship and the conversation they had was professional. Senator Murkowski has knocked down the characterization of the call, including to Fox News. I'd recommend contacting her office for her statement.

Top Stories

- E&E News: Grijalva bashes review as Zinke neighbors post signs
- Salt Lake City Fox 13: Interior Secretary Zinke to make Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante recommendation Thursday
- Washington Post: The Energy 202: Here's how Trump is changing pipeline politics

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Tomorrow, Secretary Zinke will make his recommendation on the status of the 27 National Monuments under review. The rollout plan is still being finalized.
- Tomorrow, Secretary Zinke will be in Montana with Secretary Perdue for an on-site briefing on wildfires in the Pacific Northwest and the Northern Rockies.
- August 25, the NPS turns 101 years old. Secretary Zinke will be at the Great Smokey Mountains National Park for a speech on the historic anniversary, and will also visit the Blue Ridge Parkway.

WEEK AHEAD August 16 thru August 24, 2016

National Park Service:

- August 24: CNN will be at Antietam National Battlefield to film a feature story about the battle, the upcoming 150th anniversary of Antietam National Cemetery on September 17, and projects that will be completed using President Trump's first quarter salary with additional funds from the National Park Foundation, Civil War Trust, and Save Historic Antietam Foundation.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce \$1.657 million in grants to Indian tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestors and cultural items back to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce \$1.2 million in grants to fund preservation, restoration, and education projects at several Japanese American confinement sites.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce the award of \$517,471 in Tribal Heritage grants to 14 American Indian and Native Alaskan organizations to support the protection of America's native cultures.

- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce that NPS scientists will make audio recordings of the sounds of the solar eclipse in 17 parks spanning nearly 2,700 miles across the country. The project is part of Eclipse Soundscapes, a multi-institutional study from the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and NASA's Heliophysics Education Consortium that introduces sound aspects of the eclipse to wider audiences.

Bureau of Land Management:

- August 24: BLM-MT staff will attend a meeting hosted by the Executive Vice President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council in Miles City, MT, to discuss Federal ownership/leases on resurvey of the Missouri River, overlapping Communitization Agreements, and Application for Permit to Drill streamlining.

U.S. Geological Survey:

- TBD: Release the USGS Critical Minerals study. Have been coordinating with the WH about possible next steps and rollout plan.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

- August TBD: Local BOEM Release: BOEM Alaska releases Draft EIS for Liberty DPP.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will send a note to stakeholders announcing environmental study reports posted to ESPIS from April-June.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will issue Note to Stakeholders on Draft Guidelines for the Use of Design Envelopes for Offshore Wind Energy Facilities.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

CONGRESSIONAL (no change)

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor and Joe Balash, ASLM.

Political Appointee Update (no change)

DOI politicals on board 54

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.

Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

Pending Senate floor vote: Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary Insular Areas.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor.

Secretary Speaking Invitations (new info)

Accepted

9/13 - Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reception (DC)

9/20-21 - Ribbon Cutting, Wonders of Wildlife Museum & Aquarium Bass Pro HQ
(Springfield, MO)

9/22-24 - NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit (Dallas, TX)

9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

9/17 - 150th Anniversary for the Antietam National Cemetery (Antietam)

9/23 - Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days Inc. (Carterville, IL)

9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Open - Detroit Economic Club

Open - Jefferson's Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)

Open - Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open - Weyrich Lunch (DC)

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Declining

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

9/6 - Montana Range Tour (Lewistown, MT)

9/6 - Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)

9/8 - San Antonio Missions 2017 World Heritage Festival Luncheon

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)

9/12 - Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)

9/19-21 - Montana Wood Products Assn - Forest Resources Association Convention
(Whitefish, MT)

9/23 - Buffalo Bill Centennial Ball (Cody, Wyoming)

9/23 - National Mining Hall of Fame (Denver, CO)

9/26 - Billings Chamber Annual Mtg (Billings, MT)

9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)

10/1-3 - New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (Santa Fe)

Emergency Management (new)

The Interior Operations Center (IOC) continues to monitor Tropical Storm Harvey, located approximately 425 miles south-southeast of Port O'Connor, Texas. The storm, as of 5:00 a.m., EDT, carries maximum sustained winds near 45 miles per hour, with potential to reach hurricane status by Friday. Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Storm Surge, and other associated watches and warnings have been issued along the entirety of the Texas coastline.

In advance of landfall, the IOC is continuing coordination with potentially affected DOI bureaus and offices regarding preparatory actions, emergency action plans, and anticipated impacts to DOI personnel, lands, and facilities. Additionally, the Office of Emergency Management is coordinating with FEMA regarding potential DOI support to the federal response effort.

In Washington, the Bridge Creek Fire on the Colville Reservation (BIA) has burned 2,640 (+200) acres and is 33 (+4)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 515 (+37) personnel assigned, including 61 (no change) DOI personnel. Full containment is expected on September 20.

Outside Media of Interest (new)

Trump To Hear Recommendations For National Monuments.

The Hill (8/23, Cama) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke faces a Thursday deadline "to issue recommendations to the White House for any changes he thinks President Trump should make" to 21 national monument designations. The announcement will "close a chapter on the administration's highly contentious review that has fueled significant opposition among conservationists and support by Republicans and industries like oil and agriculture that use federal land." The article notes that "Zinke invited comments from the public on the review, the first time such a formal process has been taken for national monuments," and "he also traveled to many of the monuments and met with opponents and supporters."

Interior, Agriculture Secretaries To Visit Montana Wildfire.

The AP (8/23) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue "plan to visit a Montana wildfire command post Thursday as dozens of blazes rage across the western U.S." Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift "said Wednesday that the two members of President Donald Trump's cabinet will receive a briefing from firefighters battling a 50-square-mile blaze burning northwest of Missoula." According to Swift, "the visit was requested by the two Republicans

on Montana's congressional delegation, Sen. Steve Daines and Rep. Greg Gianforte."

Interior Dept. Agencies Could Move West, High-Level Official Says In Denver.

The Denver Business Journal (8/23, Proctor) reports that senior officials at the Interior Department "are 'actively looking' at moving 'some' of its agencies out of Washington, D.C., to the western states, a senior Interior official said at a Denver oil and gas forum."

Commentary: Interior's New Sage Grouse Protection Efforts Welcomed.

In his column for the Elko (NV) Daily Free Press (8/23, Mitchell), Thomas Mitchell welcomes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's order to implement "recommendations from a team that reviewed the previous administration's draconian land use restrictions under the guise of protecting greater sage grouse." According to Mitchell, the move by the Interior Department "should have a salutary impact on Nevada's economy."

Critics: Utah Horse Meeting Is Secretive 'Slaughter Summit'.

The AP (8/23, Price, Sonner) reports that "swollen populations of federally-protected wild horses roaming 10 Western states are starved and damaging rangelands, Utah and U.S. government officials said at a conference Wednesday, an invitation-only meeting that mustang-protection advocates say is promoting the slaughter of an icon of the American West." According to the article, "members of Utah's congressional delegation and a U.S. Interior Department official speaking at the National Horse and Burro Summit in Salt Lake City all described an unsustainable population of wild horses that's nearly three times the size that federal officials think the rangeland can support." Meanwhile, "horse-protection groups who weren't allowed into the Utah State University-hosted event protested outside the downtown hotel where it was held, calling it a 'slaughter summit' that's kowtowing to livestock interests, promoting increased roundups and slaughter of wild horses from California to Colorado without public input."

Parks Service Issues Permit For San Francisco Rally.

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Coming Soon To The National Mall: A Pro-Trump Protest, Juggalo Rally, Liberal March And Weddings – On The Same Day.

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Federal Register Listings: (new)

Items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

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REG0007327 FWS Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Permit Applications (first applicant: Gregory Gerke, Carmel, IN). This is a batched notice announcing the receipt of applications received by FWS for Endangered Species Act permits. Notice 08/23/2017.

REG0007325 NPS Notice of Public Meeting: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee is scheduled to meet on September 13, 2017. Notice 08/23/2017.

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Fri. 8/25: National Park Service Founders Day events in TN and NC.

Sat. 8/26: With Senator Alexander.

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Media TODAY

No planned media.

White House Report (Sent Monday)

Press Inquiries:

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Top Stories

- Washington Post: Trump administration halted a study of mountaintop coal mining's health effects
- The Washington Times: Striking a blow against thirst, The Park Service rescinds the Obama ban on sales of bottled water
- Reuters: Insight: In Montana's Indian country, tribes take opposite sides on coal

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Today, various DOI holdings hosted thousands of visitors to view the Eclipse. Many communications plans were in place to get people engaged with DOI.
- August 24, Secretary Zinke will make his recommendation on the status of the 27 National Monuments under review.
- August 25, the NPS turns 101 years old. Secretary Zinke will be at the Great Smokey Mountains National Park for a speech on the historic anniversary.

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WEEK AHEAD August 16 thru August 24, 2016

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews:

- August 23 (tent.): Department-level Release: DOI & Warm Springs Tribe Sign Agreement to Implement Land Buy-Back Program.

National Park Service:

- August 24: CNN will be at Antietam National Battlefield to film a feature story about the battle, the upcoming 150th anniversary of Antietam National Cemetery on September 17, and projects that will be completed using President Trump's first quarter salary with additional funds from the National Park Foundation, Civil War Trust, and Save Historic Antietam Foundation.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce \$1.657 million in grants to Indian tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestors

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

- August 22 (tent.): National FWS Release: FWS to release results of 2016 Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Survey Preliminary Report. A snapshot of the results show that Hunter numbers are down (not statistically significant), angler numbers are up (not statistically significant), and wildlife watching numbers have increased greatly especially for people watching wildlife in their own backyards.

Bureau of Land Management:

- August 22-24: BLM-UT has been invited to attend the National Wild Horse and Burro Management Summit in Salt Lake City, hosted by the State of Utah. The Summit will begin with a field tour of the Onaqui Herd Management Area followed by a tour of the BLM's Delta Wild Horse and Burro Facility coordinated by Utah Wild Horse and Burro Program Lead, Gus Warr. Registration is by invitation only.
- August 22 – 27: BLM will attend the annual National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) conference in New Hampshire in conjunction with The International Off-Highway Vehicle Administrators Association (INOHVAA) Conference. The BLM has been asked to present during both the INOHVAA and NOHVCC events.
- August 23: BLM national program lead for national monuments Tim Fisher and Deputy Division Chief for Recreation and Visitor Services Jeffrey McCusker will attend a presentation by an International Visitor Leadership Program on Conservation areas and Recreation. The presentation will be held at the Main Interior Building and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will also attend.
- August 24: BLM-MT staff will attend a meeting hosted by the Executive Vice President of the North Dakota Petroleum Council in Miles City, MT, to discuss Federal ownership/leases on resurvey of the Missouri River, overlapping Communitization Agreements, and Application for Permit to Drill streamlining.

U.S. Geological Survey:

- TBD: Release the USGS Critical Minerals study. Have been coordinating with the WH about possible next steps and rollout plan.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

- August TBD: Local BOEM Release: BOEM Alaska releases Draft EIS for Liberty DPP.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will send a note to stakeholders announcing environmental study reports posted to ESPIS from April-June.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will issue Note to Stakeholders on Draft Guidelines for the Use of Design Envelopes for Offshore Wind Energy Facilities.

- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

CONGRESSIONAL

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor and Joe Balash, ASLM.

Political Appointee Update

DOI politicals on board 54

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

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Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

9/13 - Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reception (DC)

9/20-21 - Gala and Ribbon Cutting for the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium at the Bass Pro HQ (Springfield, MO)

9/22-24 - NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit (Dallas, TX)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

9/8 - San Antonio Missions 2017 World Heritage Festival Luncheon

9/6/17 - Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)

9/17 - 150th Anniversary for the Antietam National Cemetery (Antietam)

9/22-24 - NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit (Dallas, TX)

9/23 - National Mining Hall of Fame (Denver, CO)

9/23 - Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days Inc. (Carterville, IL)

9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)

9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)

9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Open - Jefferson's Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)

Open - Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open - Weyrich Lunch (DC)

Open - Detroit Economic Club

Declining

8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)

8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)

9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)

9/6 - Montana Range Tour (Lewistown, MT)

9/10 - Remarks at the 32nd Annual WaterReuse Symposium (Phoenix, AZ)

9/11 - Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) (DC)

9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)
 9/12 - Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)
 9/19-21 - Montana Wood Products Assoc - Forest Resources Association Convention
 (Whitefish, MT)

Emergency Management

In California, the South Fork Fire inside Yosemite National Park (NPS) has burned 3,473 (+282) acres and is 17 (+7)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 765 (+7) personnel, including 53 (+12) DOI personnel. There are 238 (no change) residential structures threatened, 85 (no change) evacuees, and 0 (-17) residents sheltered in place. Three (no change) responder injuries have been reported to date. Fire continues to threaten Wawona, causing mandatory evacuations to remain in effect throughout the week. An additional 250 non-residential structures, including National Park Service (NPS) administrative facilities and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, are threatened, while select trail and area closures remain in effect. Full containment is expected on September 3.

In Washington, the Bridge Creek Fire on the Colville Reservation (BIA) has burned 2,275 (+260) acres and is 29 (no change)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 454 (+27) personnel assigned, including 64 (no change) DOI personnel. Two (no change) responder injuries have been reported to date. Smoke is affecting the main transportation route, residents, and visitors in the Twin Lakes area. Temporary road closures are in place along Upper Bridge Creek Road due to smoke and debris. Full containment is expected on August 31.

Outside Media of Interest

Zinke Slated This Week To Advise Trump On Fate Of 21 National Monuments.

The McClatchy (8/21, Leavenworth) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is expected to advise President Trump this week on plans for potentially shrinking or revoking the status of 21 national monuments, "setting the stage for a years-long legal battle that could pit the White House against Indian tribes, environmentalists and some western states." Supporters say that certain monument designations should be reversed, calling them federal "land grabs," but critics argue that the monuments "help protect important landscapes and objects of history, including Native American antiquities." Zinke's deadline to make final recommendations is August 24.

The Antiquities Act Has Become A Tool For Oppressing The West.

For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (8/21, Anderson, Cooke, Contributors), Matthew Anderson, director of the Coalition for Self-Government in the West, and Amy Oliver Cooke, the executive vice president and director of the Energy and Environmental Policy Center for the Independence Institute, write that "checks and balances are lacking in federal lands policy, and that absence has opened up the West to a host of devastating consequences." They argue that while the intentions of the Antiquities Act in 1906 "were pure, such unchecked, concentrated power has exposed the Act to widespread abuses from presidents of both political parties." The authors assert that "the designation process should include meaningful input and approval from state representatives and Congress." In conclusion, Anderson and Cooke call for the creation of "a transparent process that prevents presidential abuses and respects the original intentions of the Antiquities Act."

The Scheme To Pump Desert Water To L.A. Could Destroy The Mojave. California's Legislature Needs To Block It.

In an op-ed for the Los Angeles Times (8/21, Feinstein, Friedman), Sen. Dianne Feinstein and

Assemblywoman Laura Friedman writes that California's Mojave Desert is threatened by "the Cadiz water extraction project, a scheme that would drain vital aquifers in the Fenner, Bristol and Cadiz valleys — the heart of the Mojave." Cadiz is "proposing to drain 50,000 acre-feet of water every year for 50 years — more than five times the aquifer's natural recharge rate, according to an independent analysis by the U.S. Geological Survey." They urge California's Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 1000, the California Desert Protection Act, which "would help protect the Mojave from projects like Cadiz by bolstering state reviews and requiring the California State Lands Commission, in consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, to ensure that any transfers of desert groundwater do not adversely affect the region's natural or cultural resources."

Congress Picks Sides On Trump Plan To Expand Offshore Drilling.

Courthouse News (8/21, Langford) reports that President Trump's plan to expand offshore drilling prompted separate letters from members of Congress last week, 118 writing a letter saying the plan is critical for US energy security, while 69 others doubt the plan. The Interior received nearly 18,000 letters of public comment, most of them opposing the expansion in drilling.

Atlantic Governors Seek Continued Federal Oil And Gas Leasing Ban.

Bloomberg BNA (8/21, Ballard) reports that "all governors in the mid-Atlantic region for the Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)—a region which along with North Carolina includes Maryland, Virginia and Delaware—have said they oppose Atlantic drilling." However, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal (R) and Florida Gov. Rick Scott (R) "have not expressed a position." The "Morning Energy" blog of Politico (8/21, Adragna) reported "four governors on the Outer Continental Shelf Governors Coalition — Maine's Paul LePage, Mississippi's Phil Bryant, Alabama's Kay Ivey and Alaska's Bill Walker — released a letter Friday urging" Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "to include all possible areas as the agency develops its five-year offshore drilling plan." The governors wrote, "Access to offshore energy resources will allow coastal states and communities to realize great economic opportunities."

Frogs Found Only On Mississippi Coast Could Go To US Supreme Court.

The Biloxi (MS) Sun Herald (8/21, Pagones) reports that the Pacific Legal Foundation "filed a petition last week asking the Supreme Court to review the decision to designate the 1,500 acres as critical habitat" for the dusky gopher frog. Property rights advocates claim "the federal government has overstepped in efforts to save the amphibian, and what's really endangered are the rights of anyone in the United States who owns land." The Fish and Wildlife Service "says a network of shallow ponds makes the 1,500-acre tract the only potential breeding ground outside Mississippi for the dusky gopher frogs."

Enviros Look To Win Bi-State Sage Grouse Protection Battle.

Law360 (8/21, Powell) reports that "four environmental groups pressed a California federal court Friday to rule in their favor by holding that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service flouted the Endangered Species Act by reversing course on a plan to designate the bi-state sage grouse as a threatened species."

San Francisco Officials To Learn As Early As Tuesday Decision On Right Wing Rally At Crissy Field.

KGO-TV San Francisco (8/21, Tyler) reports that "San Francisco city officials will find out as early as Tuesday if a planned right wing rally at Crissy Field will go on." The National Park Service and Golden Gate National Recreation Area have "approved a permit for the Patriot Prayer organization, but it has not been issued yet." According to the article, "the city is in daily meetings along with public safety

officials and the Park Service to try to come up with restrictions for the rally should that permit be issued.”

Federal Geologists Launch Efforts To Update Oil Potential In ANWR And NPR-A.

The Alaska Dispatch News (8/21, DeMarban) reports that “spurred by a president who wants oil companies to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, federal geologists have begun poking around the controversial Alaska coastal plain, collecting oil-soaked rocks to help update the area’s petroleum potential.” According to the article, “the recent fieldwork adds to studies already underway by the U.S. Geological Survey.” The USGS has “collected about 40 oil samples from companies that have drilled large sections of the North Slope.”

Federal Register Listings:

Item cleared for the FR on Monday.

REG0007314 BOR Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Evaluation, California; Reopening of Comment Period. In response to a request from the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Reclamation is reopening the public comment period on the scope of the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Evaluation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for another 30 days. Notice 08/21/2017.

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Thanks for everyone's hard work on this. Attached please find the doc we are submitting to the WH. We will still consider this a "working document" and would love to update it as often as needed to ensure we have the latest and greatest list of accomplishments. Please continue sending them to Russ/Eli.

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